

Library getting ready for holidays

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Library officials say that they are preparing to deck the halls with holly and turn their evergreen into a beautiful Christmas Tree.

But they want children to participate.

The annual Holiday Tree Trimming Party at the Inkster Public Library will be staged from 6 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 1.

Children between the ages of 4-10 are invited to help in this delightful experience of the holiday. This is, after all, the last Christmas Tree of the 20th Century.

No registration is required and children will make simple ornaments to decorate the library's tree. They also have the option to take their ornament home.

The Friends of the Inkster Public Library will provide refreshments for the party.

The Inkster Public Library is located at 2005 Inkster Road, one block north of Michigan Avenue.

For more information, contact the library at 313/562-2822.

And since the subject is Christmas, Ruth E. Williams, of the Inkster Parks and Recreation Department, says that the date for the second annual Inkster Summerfest "2000" annual Christmas Bazaar has been set.

The bazaar will be held from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Dec. 4.

The first 100 children who attend will be invited to take a photo with Santa free of charge.



All about schools

The focus was on schools at the second annual Town Meeting and Louise Somalski (at microphone), Legislative Coordinator for the Michigan Federation of Teachers discusses issues relating to the voucher system. Also participating in the dialogue were State Rep. Tom Kelly, (not pictured), as well as attorney Sharon McPhail (standing in the background), Manuel Wilson (seated, at left), principal of Baylor-Woodson, and the Rev. David Hearn, director of Thomas Gist Academy, an Inkster Charter School. Photos by Brown's Special Events Services

Nothing new about John Daly Bridge

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Concerned citizens questioned Mayor Hilliard Hampton Jr. and council last week about the city's plans to reopen the John Daly Bridge.

The bridge is in dire need of repairs, and the city, working with the city engineers, are

seeking funds to replace the structure that provides north-south traffic and is one of the city's main traffic arteries.

In recent meetings, City Engineer Greg Weeks has informed council that he has filed a request for financial assistance to pay for the restoration of the bridge, which is

approximately 50 years ago.

Estimates run as high as \$400,000 to replace the structure, and the city doesn't have the necessary funds at this time to do the work.

Mayor Hampton and council have placed the bridge repair-replacement issue atop of its agenda for the upcoming year.

Hoop benefit aids local ICC College

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

When the "Johnsons" and the "Paynes" begin shooting on Saturday, it may not be as "deadly" as the Hatfields and McCoys feuds, but there will be plenty of "deadeyes" on the hardwood basketball fans can count on that.

The "Johnsons" and the "Paynes" will be shooting hoops, beginning at 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. in a Roundball Classic aimed at raising funds for the Inkster Community Col-

lege.

The benefit basketball game will be staged at the Booker T. Dozier Inkster Community Complex, located on Middlebelt Avenue, a few blocks north of Michigan Ave.

"We are hoping to see everyone there," said Rev. George Johnson, who began ICC for those who wanted to learn a trade but couldn't afford the college tuition.

There is a \$2 admission fee, and children six and under will be admitted free.

CITY OF INKSTER INVITATION FOR BIDS

THE CITY OF INKSTER will receive bids at the OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, 2121 Inkster Road, Inkster, Michigan 48141 until 3:00 P.M. Monday, December 6, 1999 at which time and place bids will be opened and read for the following:

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Driver disarmed, dope confiscated

By IVAN HELFMAN
MCN Staff Writer

Police disarmed a motorist caught with a suspended driver's license.

A pair of patrolman pulled up behind a car that failed to signal before turning from Warren onto southbound Hubbard.

At 2 a.m. on the morning of Nov. 3, the officers easily noticed that the car's burned-out left taillight begged for a ticket.

Though the patrolman behind the wheel activated the squad car's overhead lights, the car ahead didn't stop, and the driver and front-seat passenger made "furtive movements" in their seats.

According to the police report, the driver and front-seat passenger appeared to be hiding things. The driver leaned and reached down to the right side of his seat while the passenger slumped over in his seat.

The driving patrolman switched on the squad car's siren. The suspicious car drove another 200 yards, then stopped.

The officers separated and each approached a different front car door.

The officer on the driver's side ordered the driver out. The driver not only refused, he kept his right hand down, out of sight.

After twice ordering the driver out with both hands in plain view, the officer grabbed

the driver's shoulder and repeated the order.

The driver got out and threw a knife down to the car's floor.

Asked why he didn't stop when the squad car signaled him over, the driver said that he had just bought the knife at a gas station, thought that it was illegal, and was attempting to get it out of his pocket and hide it from the patrolmen.

A lien check revealed that the driver's license had been suspended.

The patrolmen arrested him for possession of a dangerous weapon and for driving with a suspended license, a misdemeanor that under new laws may result in a driver losing his or her plate and being grounded.

With the driver confined to the squad car's back seat, the patrolmen asked the passenger why he had been moving around and what he had been concealing.

"Nothing, dog," he replied. The patrolmen, who wouldn't budge, weren't buying.

Their persistence paid off. "I only have a roach," the passenger eventually said. "I put it in my pants."

Following the officers' orders, the passenger reached into his underwear and removed the remains of a marijuana cigarette.

The officers arrested the passenger for marijuana possession.

Sound Off

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quest Chuck's resignation.

The worst thing for the library's reputation would be for Mrs. Chuck to stay on in violation of the library's fair rules.

Caller ought to spare .02 cents to spread literacy

A recent caller compared failing to return a borrowed library book with stealing a police car. Based on that false analogy, the caller concluded that a person who fails to return a library book ought to be jailed like a police car thief. Perhaps this caller thinks

that children who don't return borrowed stamps and neighbors who don't returned borrowed cups of sugar should be jailed too.

I'm not only surprised that the caller can't distinguish between an unfulfilled civil contract and the commitment of a felony, I'm surprised the caller doesn't know that the civil penalties and criminal punishments should be different; and am disappointed that during the holiday season the caller grumbles over the loss of a 1/90,000 share of a \$20 book, which comes out to .02 cents.

Wayne-Westland schools spend about \$6,500 per student to try to teach students to read. Can't this caller find a heart big enough to spare another .02 cents to help the schools spread literacy?

A. CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 99-69

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The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Kristian Moe, Purchasing/Computer Services Director, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI or by calling (734) 942-7564.

(2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00 p.m., December 14, 1999. At the time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

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(3) The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities. A bid guarantee in the amount of 5% of the bid price will be required.

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Plan seeks to save Canton's trees

By IVAN HELFMAN
MCN Staff Writer

Remaining woodlands in Canton stand under the threat of development.

"It's difficult to do a lot about development, since every bit of land is zoned and there are plans for every acre left," said David Thomas, chairman of the Canton Environmental Committee.

Nevertheless, the committee hopes that if developers and the township can work together in identifying quality woodlands with animal habitat, then perhaps some forests can be saved.

"We need to have some philanthropy," he said. "I want to see developers who do well in our township give something back."

He proposes that developers with large woods, which should be mapped out by the township and on display for all to see, agree to save the trees in return for tradeoffs from the township. For example, he said that businesses granted tax abatements should have to save their trees.

He also suggests that the township should buy quality environmental property, perhaps passing a millage to do it.

He believes that the township should work with developers to save trees because that's what residents want.

"When people complain about developments at planning commission meetings, you most often hear them complain about losing trees," he said.

The following excerpts are from the committee's report:

If Canton Township government is serious about listening to the environmental concerns of its citizens, they must take a pro-active stand on environmental policies and the impact of continued growth on undeveloped lands as well as existing parks and preserves. Canton government should require a Base Map from its staff denoting all forested, wetlands, streams, parks, preserves and other sensitive areas in the township. The map(s) should be used to prioritize the 10 most sensitive properties for preservation, purchase or modification. These areas should then receive special attention whenever they require potential change.

In short, government must develop stronger policies which signify a commitment to the citizens and goals listed herein. The citizens expect it, the environment demands it.

Goal 1: To assist Canton gov-

ernment in identifying areas of environmental interest and concern.

Response: In short, wooded parcels and wetlands are disappearing too fast, however, we recommend a parcel by parcel evaluation of tree preservation as they come before the Planning Commission.

Every development proposal should receive a copy of the Forest Preservation Act.

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The original e-mail message claims that a "Congressman Schnell" has introduced "Bill 602P" to allow the federal government to impose a 5-cent

surcharge on each e-mail message delivered over the Internet. The money would be collected by Internet Service Providers and then turned over to the Postal Service.

No such proposed legislation exists. In fact, no "Congressman Schnell" exists.

The U.S. Postal Service has no authority to surcharge e-mail messages sent over the Internet, nor would it support such legislation.

While you omitted the fictitious "Congressman Schnell," you included the made-up legislation.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 16, 1999

Supervisor Foster called the meeting to order in the Board Room at 7:30 p.m. Present: Foster, King, Budd, Clark, Hart, Herman and Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Other in attendance: Director of Development Kelley, Deputy Director or Community Service Ross, Coordinator Miller, Public Safety Director Perkins, Deputy Public Safety Director Smolen, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Payne and an audience of ten (10).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Clark moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the agenda as presented: Carried.

MINUTES: King moved, Hart seconded to approve the Work Student Session Minutes of November 1, 1999, as presented. Carried.

Clark moved, Budd seconded to approve the Executive Session Minutes of November 1, 1999, as presented. Carried.

Budd moved, Herman seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of November 2, 1999, as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Coordinator Miller discussed the maps on display on the wall behind the Board stating they were done by 5th grade students from Tyler Elementary School during a visit to township hall for local government day.

Supervisor Foster stated that during National Fire Prevention Month 1840 children and 116 teachers attended fire safety programs presented by the firefighters. Approximately 1000 'trick or treaters' visited the fire stations and were given a special gift to remind them of fire safety; and approximately 1200 'trick or treaters' visited township hall and were given a gift to remind them of fire safety in the home. The total number of families receiving the fire safety message this year was 4156.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, Clark seconded to approve the employment agreement between the Charter Township of Van Buren and Michael Cipko as Parks and Lake Director, and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.

Clark moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the addendum to the employment agreement between the Charter Township of Van Buren and Bruce Ross [as Recreation and Facilities Director], and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the document. Carried.

Hart moved, Rochowiak seconded to adopt Resolution 99-24, the Agreement with Wayne Council for engineering design for the paving of Bemis Road. Carried.

King moved, Clark seconded to adopt the 2000 Holiday Schedule as presented. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve adoption of the 2000 Work Study Session and Regular Board Meeting Calendar as presented. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: King moved, Hart seconded to approve the November 16, 1999 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor Foster ordered the October 1999 Budgetary Report received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Township offices will be closed on Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The September Days Senior gift shop has a new name. The gift shop is now called "Hidden Treasures" and has many unique items for sale. Contact the Senior Center at 699-8918 for store hours.

Wayne County has notified the Township that the South I-94 Service Drive between Old Denton and Quirk will be partially closed this week on the eastbound side and closed on the westbound side next week.

On Sunday, November 21, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. the 'Mask Puppet Theatre' will perform at the Recreation Center. This is a free event.

The Recreation Department has Tai Chi and other meditation classes available, as well as recreational and athletic activities. Contact the Recreation Department at 699-8921.

The 2000 Belleville Area Museum historical calendars are now available at the museum and township hall or by mail; cost is \$6.00 per calendar. In addition, the Museum is preparing for the holiday season 'Festival of Trees'. The Belleville tree lighting ceremony will be held at the Museum on Friday, December 3, 1999 at 6:00 p.m.

The annual Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, December 4, 1999 at 11:00 a.m.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

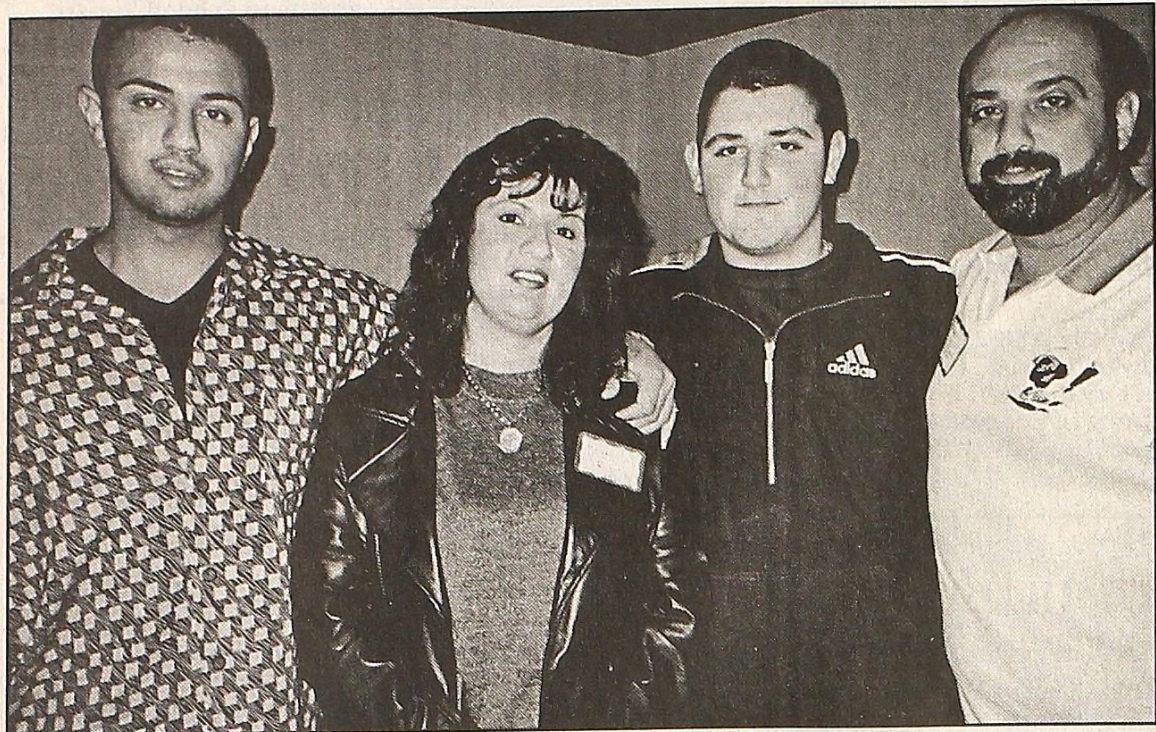
ADJOURNMENT: Herman moved, Hart seconded to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Foster, CMFA

Cindy C. King, CMC/AAE
Township Clerk

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Party store staff cited

RJ's Party Store of Romulus was honored last Friday by the Central Distributors of Beer organization for assisting the drive to curtail youthful drinking of alcohol. The owner, Ray Swidan, right, was praised for confiscating more than 200 false IDs in recent years. Swidan said he felt his actions saved many lives. Posing with Swidan are from left: his step-son, Ramzi Dabbagh, age 21; his wife, Rose; and his son, Riyaid Swiden, age 16. MCN Photo by Al Post.

Metro Airport bracing for 2 'heaviest days'

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Busy travelers visiting Detroit Metro Airport on the two busiest days of the year, today (Wednesday) and Sunday will find additional parking, new restaurants, electronic travel instructions, revamped restrooms and actual computer access areas available -- many for the first time.

Once again travelers are being asked to arrive early today and Sunday in particular -- two hours for domestic flights and up to three hours for international travel.

Airport officials expect approximately 100,000 persons to use Metro on both peak days.

To speed travel through the airport, travelers are urged to keep their photo ID handy, have proper ID on all luggage and their valuable and medicinal items in their carry on cases.

Live persons will be operating the parking telephone hot lines -- with additional help being scheduled for the weekend -- on 1-800-642-1978.

In addition a brand new electronic sign has been developed in the Rogall Drive entrance area to the airport, listing available parking sites (and which are already filled.)

Eight hundred new airport parking slots have been developed in recent months, as well as many more within the city of

Romulus that offer bus service to airport sites.

Passengers are urged also as usual not to wrap presents being taken to friends and relatives until they arrive at their destinations.

In some cases, airport security officers might be forced to unwrap presents that look suspicious in any way.

A new lap top area has been opened in the Smith Terminal adjacent to the American and United Airlines ticket booths.

Spots in the lap top area can be rented by the minute -- for those needing up-to-the-minute computer access and E-mailing, etc.

Beware: drunk driving is up at Thanksgiving

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

A disturbing report stating that drunk driving cases are higher during the five day Thanksgiving holiday than average five day periods, has been released by the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

In the past two years, SEMCOG states while the total number of accidents has been decreasing, the number of alcohol related crashes has increased.

The rate jumped 6.5 percent in 1997 and 5.4 percent last year.

In addition the number of fatal crashes also increases during that holiday time period, SEMCOG relates.

"We're releasing these statistics as a reminder to everyone that the combination of drinking and driving can be deadly -- particularly around

Beginning with this period, Mothers against Drunk Driving presses it's "Tie One on for Safety" program.

- Paul Tait

the holidays," Paul Tait, SEMCOG executive director said.

While the public's awareness of the Christmas and New Years Eve traffic woes is well known, Tait said, "we want everyone in Southeast Michigan to realize that we need to be alert during the Thanksgiving

holiday too."

Beginning with this period, Tait said, Mothers Against Drunk Driving presses its "Tie One on for Safety" program and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration stresses the need for "Operation America Buckles Up Children Mobilization."

Local births

Ashley Heather Everett, daughter of Lorie and Caine Everett of Belleville, was born Nov. 17, 1998 in Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.

She weighed seven pounds and six ounces at birth and measured 20 inches.

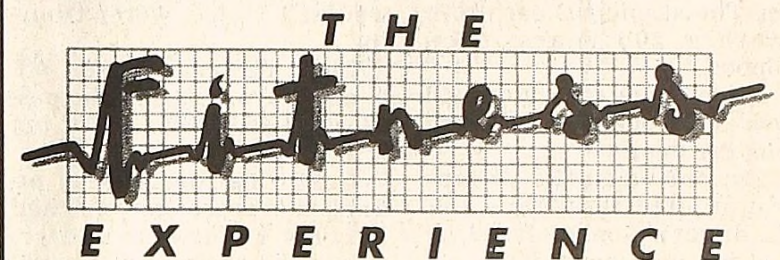
Her grandparents include: Mr. and Mrs. George Bondy of Wayne and Glenda Everett of Garden City.

Matthew Lee Huntoon, son of Ken and Dawn Huntoon of Westland, was born Oct. 14, 1999 at Garden City Hospital.

He weighed six pounds and six ounces at birth and measured 20 inches.

He joins two sisters, Jennifer, age 9, and Melissa, age one and a half.

His grandparents include: Bill and Betty Swain of Westland and Betty and Dean Huntoon, also of Westland.



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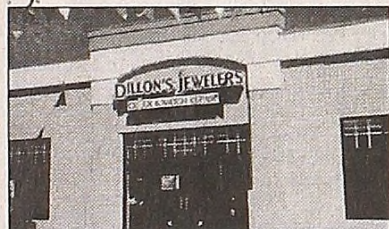
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After a fire destroyed all of their store in 1996, Accurate Floor opened up again on October 1st. This time though, they unveiled their newly designed store and at the same time, became America's newest Mohawk Floorscapes participating retailer. According to Craig Goff, "By adding the Mohawk Floorscapes name to ours, we're building on our reputation for quality and service by offering customers the latest concepts in flooring fashion, style, color and performance." Accurate Floor sells and installs vinyl flooring, pre-finished hardwood floors and carpeting for both residential and commercial use. It also does custom work, including borders, inlays and logos.

A new addition to their company is the Idea Center. "Now customers need to bring only their fashion sense to our self guided Idea Center. Then Floorscapes invites customers to investigate and experience all on their own, the latest carpet styles, colors and textures...all performance related according to their lifestyle," Craig says.

This family business is proud of the service they provide and are reassured of their quality performance through their return customers and the referrals they make to their friends and family. So while Art and Craig handle the inside and outside sales and Craig's wife Tammy runs the office, Accurate Floor Covering remains a pinnacle of triumph success.

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Artist of the week

Madison George, a fourth grader in teacher Judy Pappas's class, was named Artist of the Week at Tyler Elementary School in Belleville. Students in Brie Stosick's art classes studied San Francisco artist Elly Simmons and how to add designs to a motif.

Arts council to open gallery

Work has begun in preparation for the opening of the Belleville area's first art gallery featuring original fine art works from around the country. The Belleville Area Council for the Arts will be opening the gallery on December 4, following the annual Christmas parade in Belleville. Located in the office complex of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts and the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, at 397 Main Street, the Art Gallery will be open during Chamber of Commerce business hours.

The opening of the Art Gallery will give the opportunity to purchase art works from the Arts Council collection. Original art work will be featured

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in the exhibit. The reasonably-priced art works on display will be for sale. Periodic displays of art focusing on particular artists or media are anticipated. Located across the street from the Belleville Area Museum and in the same block as the Fred C. Fischer Library, the Art Gallery becomes a part of the cultural center of the Belleville area. Parking is nearby in the lot across from the Library or behind the Fourth Street Square.

A large display area is being prepared to house the art collection of the Arts Council, which has been developing over the past four years. Art works donated by professional artists across the Midwest will be available along with items purchased by or donated to the Art Council Gallery Committee. The Gallery Committee is headed by Sandy Askew, an artist for more than 25 years and past President of both the Belleville area Council for the Arts and the Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans. Her access to excellent art works has made the Silent Auctions of the Belleville Arts Council one of the most successful components of the annual Gourmet Picnic. Many members of the Arts Council have been able to acquire beautiful art work for their home or office. The opening of the collection for sale to the public will broaden the opportunity to introduce fine art to the community and at the same time generate the funds to continue the Art Gallery and the operation of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

Click it. Don't risk it!

Those who do not take a minute to properly buckle up for their children will have yet another reason to be sorry. The Van Buren Township Police Department is calling for zero tolerance for adults who drive with unbuckled children.

Officers will launch their "Click it. Don't risk it" enforcement wave over Thanksgiving Holiday weekend.

Van Buren Township was spurred by the dramatic nationwide increase in child restraint use and a significant drop in child fatalities in just two years since the 50-state crackdowns began on drivers who endanger children by failing to buckle them up. The Van Buren Police Department is joining the next operation ABC mobilization. Stepped-up enforcement of child passenger safety and safety belt law begins Monday and continues through the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend.

"Starting November 22, and continuing through the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend, our officers will be looking for and ticketing adults who fail to restrain child passengers," said Sgt. Dennis Brooks. "These drivers, regardless of the widespread attention to child safety, are still putting children at deadly risk by failing to buckle them in."

Traffic crashes remain the leading cause of death for American children of all races. Six out of 10 children who die in crashes are unbuckled.

Today we are calling on our entire community to adopt zero tolerance for unbuckled children.

led. In addition to being encouraged by the effectiveness of the nationwide crackdowns, officers are committed to the effort because of their own personal experiences of seeing crash victims who were unbuckled children. "Today we are calling on our entire community to adopt zero tolerance for unbuckled children," Brooks said. "No one should look the other way when they see a child at risk. Every citizen must make sure their relatives, neighbors and friends know that letting a child ride unbuckled, no matter how

short the ride, is always life-threatening and never worth the risk." The Michigan Child Restraint Law requires that children under the age of one must be in a child restraint device in front and rear seats. Children over the age of one can use a safety belt in the rear seat, or a child restraint device in the front seat. Children ages four through 15 must be belted in the front and rear seat, and Michigan's Safety Belt Law requires that all front seat passengers must be buckled up. Van Buren Police will also be stepping up enforcement of adult safety belt laws, because it's a proven fact that most adults who don't buckle themselves don't buckle up kids. Research has found that buckled drivers are three times more likely to restrain their child passengers than drivers who don't buckle up.

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Hampton, Dickerson have skills to be excellent leaders

It's not everyday that communities select new leaders. In Inkster and Wayne, the position of mayor rarely changes hands. Each city has been under the same leadership for eight years. Now, as we enter the new millennium, both cities have new mayors.

In Inkster, council person Hilliard Hampton trounced incumbent Edward Bivens to win the top spot. Hampton, amiable but tough-minded, has the opportunity to lead a new council, that seems enthusiastic to tackle the problems Inkster presents.

In a brief discussion with this writer, Hampton said he is anxious to jump start the council. One issue at the top of the list is a sprucing up of the city. He thinks Inkster's image could improve substantially if some of its dumpy commercial areas were cleaned up. I don't think anyone disagrees.

But another issue breathing down his neck, is public housing. Council person Wanda Harris-Foster is unhappy with the way Inkster Public Housing is doing business and is asking for an overhaul of that department. Any inquiry here will take a lot of time and effort, because public housing is a "hot potato," and one that does not have a lot of easy answers. It will be interesting to see how Hampton leads the Council on this issue.

In Wayne, council selected Robert Dickerson to be their leader. We consider this an excellent choice. A council veteran, Dickerson is adept at consensus-building, a trait that is highly necessary on this Council, that often has opposing viewpoints. But

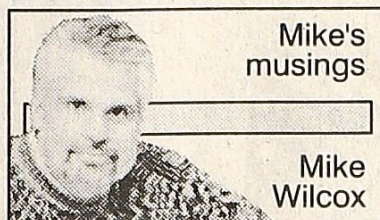
more importantly, Dickerson was the top vote-getter in the general election, thus deserves the title of mayor.

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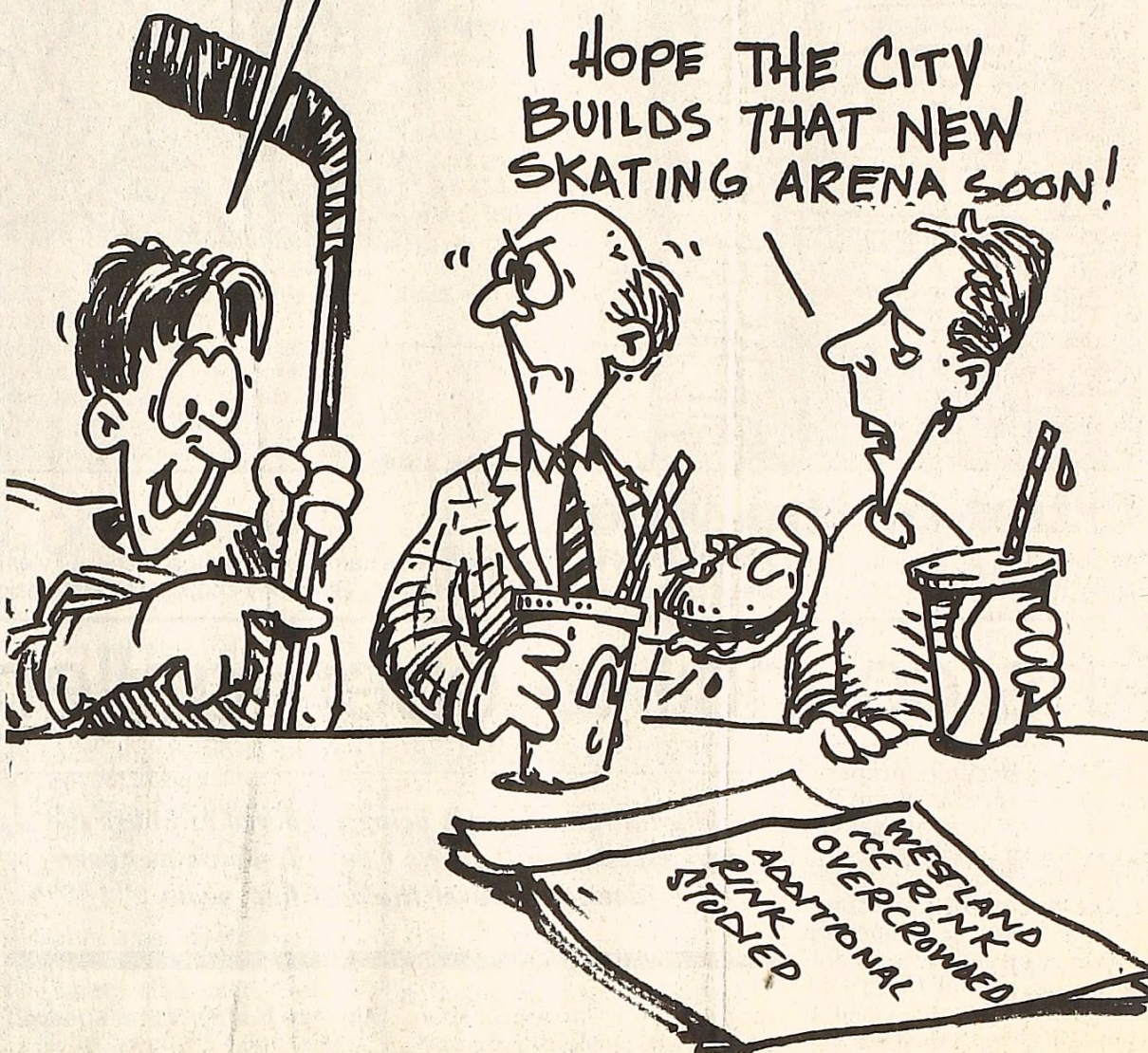
We strongly urge you to turn to the back page of this section for contest details. And when you are ready to purchase that special Christmas gift visit your local jeweler, restaurant or carpet store for the best price and an opportunity to win a trip for two.



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox

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Residency: a matter of individual rights and freedom, not local control

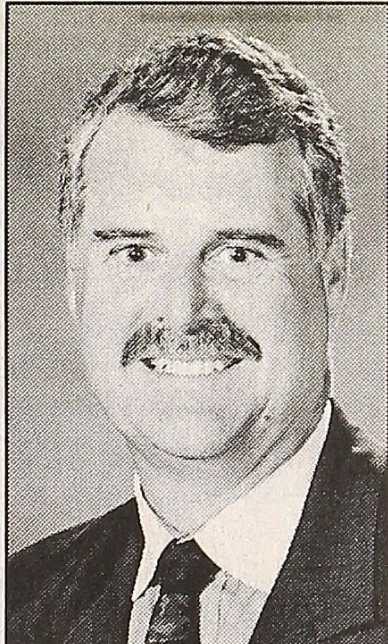
by Sen. Loren Bennett

The time has come to eliminate residency requirements for Michigan's local public employees.

Those municipalities who oppose the elimination of residency requirements for public employees argue that it is a "home rule issue," and that the state should not get involved. They then attempt to justify the imposition of such restrictions based on a list of arguments that are outdated, unproven and/or irrelevant to the issue at hand.

Given the speed and reliability of modern transportation in delivering employees to their places of employment, and the lack of any empirical data supporting the notion that residents provide better services or an improved quality of policing, there is little to say in defense of the antiquated requirement that employees live within municipal boundaries.

Though I am a firm believer



Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton

in local control to the maximum extent possible, I also believe that there is a role for state government in protecting the rights of its citizens. To argue otherwise is to

diminish the importance and impact of individual freedoms and civil rights currently protected by the state.

To allow a public employer to discriminate against employees based upon where they choose to live should be no more palatable to the people of the state of Michigan than discrimination based upon any other personal non-performance related characteristic.

I encourage those who are standing in the way of the elimination of residency requirements to take another look at the facts. I think you will agree that it is not an issue of local control, but rather a matter of basic individual freedom and civil rights.

(Senator Loren Bennett (R-Canton) has sponsored 3 bills to eliminate residency requirements since taking office in 1995. Senate Bill 198, his most recent effort, was recently amended and passed by the House of Representatives.)

Too much democracy for some

by Jim Hightower

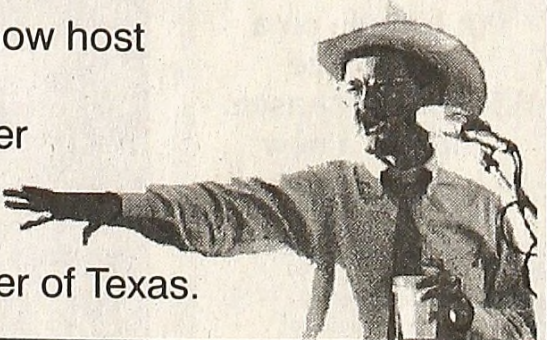
If hypocrisy was a gas, Republican Governor John Engler of Michigan would be the Goodyear Blimp, because he's full of it.

Engler is one of the self-proclaimed "conservative" governors in various states who are always on their high horse about bringing power from Washington back to the local level, so the people have greater control.

That's a good principle, but for Engler and his ilk, "local level" means the state government, where corporate lobbyists keep a firm grip on things. They don't want power going to the real grassroots level of cities and towns, where unruly citizens often take things into their own hands.

Indeed, Engler is trying to usurp local self-government in Michigan. The issue that prompted his raid of local control was passage in Detroit and Ypsilanti of "Living Wage" initiatives that require corporations that get city contracts or subsidies to pay

Radio talk-show host and author, Jim Hightower is the former Agricultural Commissioner of Texas.



workers a wage that is above the poverty level. In Detroit, the wage is \$8.23 an hour, plus health-care insurance. Detroit voters approved this initiative last year by a whopping 4-to-1 margin!

Oh, how the corporations howled, running to Engler's office and demanding that he overrule this outbreak of local democracy and allow them to continue getting taxpayer's money while paying poverty wages to workers. Sure enough, Governor Goodyear, fully inflated with gaseous hypocrisy, is backing state legislation that would prevent local governments from setting wage stan-

dards. And, just for good measure, the legislation also would prohibit municipalities from regulating billboards more strictly than the state does, from passing no-smoking ordinances, and from enacting strong consumer, environmental, job-safety and other laws that the people want - but that the corporate powers oppose.

This is Jim Hightower saying . . . Governors like Engler masquerade as "conservatives," but they're really nothing but corporatists, always willing to stomp on conservative principles to serve their corporate backers.

Favoritism wins a mandate

Libraries used to be quiet. You'd go there to read, do homework, or check out a book.

Then reading wasn't enough. Libraries added cassettes, videos, and talking books.

In came children's story hours, book character costume parties, and Oprah book clubs.

Lucky cities limit library competition to the above.

Westland isn't so lucky, where nepotism charges sound against Library Director Sandra Wilson for hiring Cheryl Chuck, wife of Library Board President Jim Chuck, to work part-time in the library children's room for \$12 an hour.

The library's policy prohibits the hiring of board members' relatives. Nevertheless, Wilson hired Chuck Oct. 18 to work in a hard-to-fill job, and the board exempted Chuck from the policy requirement.

Subsequently, board member Jo Johnson resigned and other board members have so far resisted abolishing the policy, though the issue was discussed at last week's board meeting.

Several citizens complained that nepotism would soil the library's image and cause resentment among other employees who had to apply for their jobs the old fashioned way.

"It's an embarrassment," said Jim Cook, a former library volun-



Ivan Helfman

teer.

City Councilman Glenn Anderson called the hiring "unfortunate."

While Councilman Anderson may be correct, the situation is unfortunate, who among us is not unfortunate in some way. Such is life.

And while Cook may be correct about the hiring being an embarrassment, I wonder who's being embarrassed. Certainly not the voters of Westland who resoundingly re-elected Mayor Bob Thomas in November 1998 despite his promotion of his then live-in girlfriend from executive secretary to purchasing agent, a promotion that brought in an additional \$13,000-\$14,000 a year, counting benefits, to the mayor's household. (By the dictionary nepotism is "favoritism or patronage given by persons in high office to relatives or close friends," but legally only favoritism shown to relatives or spouses violates state law, so Thomas had acted legally, if not ethically.)

Moral and legal issues aside, the landslide re-election of

Thomas provided a mandate for nepotism and favoritism in Westland.

Though I opposed Thomas's candidacy partly on the issues of nepotism and favoritism raised against him by his former opponent Dixie McNa, the voters agreed with Thomas: Westland should be run like a fiefdom.

If voters have given favoritism in city government a mandate, why not extend the mandate to the library?

As for the embarrassment: right emotion, wrong city. Embarrassment was not a factor when Detroit's media reported Thomas's hiring of his girlfriend. The media attack possibly rallied residents in support of their mayor.

In contrast, the Chuck hiring remains a local issue. Even if residents could be embarrassed about local nepotism, nobody outside of Westland will know. Nobody will be in a position to shame Westland residents or the library board.

Opponents of the Chuck Hiring should get real. If favoritism stinks, first convince the public. Once the public demands reform, begin at city hall, where more is at stake than a part-time library job.

As for the library board, concentrate on providing a quiet library. I like to read.

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Letters From Our Readers

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During Thanksgiving, consider strong families

To the Editor:

Families are a basic institution in our complex society. Looking around, we can all notice that the family structure is constantly changing, and society is changing as well.

While some may decry this fact, we must support and encourage families-however diverse-so they are able to grow. We need to see beyond differences and encourage families and individuals to be strong. Without strong roots, we cannot expect children to grow into strong branches.

That is why during Thanksgiving week, November 21-27, Family Service, Inc. joins the Alliance for Children and Families in celebrating National Family Week. This year's theme, *Strong Roots Build Strong Branches*, stresses the importance of healthy family life.

During National Family Week, let's celebrate the diverse make up of America's families and emphasize their significance to each other, our community, our state, and our nation. Families and all individuals need support and strength in carrying out their irreplaceable role.

Sincerely,
Julie Anderson
Director of Communications

Correct address to send holiday gifts to accident victim John Suveg

Dear Editor,

Thank you so very much for running the article about John Suveg. The family will need and greatly appreciate the support of the community in their time of need.

John isn't out of the woods yet, they have amputated the lower leg. Infection problems are keeping the threat of possibly losing more of the leg. The family is on a bad roller coaster ride right now.

In the article, the address for gifts to be sent to is incorrect. It's as follows: John Suveg, C/O Mary Landers, 33211 Florence St., Garden City MI 48135.

I'm sure it wasn't your mistake, just a print error.

Thank you again. And may God bless you and your this holiday season.

Mary Landers,
Garden City

Patterson testifies before tax policy committee

To the Editor:

I recently testified in support of my Super Majority Taxpayer Protection measure before the House Committee on Tax Policy, of which I am a member.

House Joint Resolution B would require tax increases or new taxes to be approved by two-thirds of the members of the Michigan House and Senate, instead of a standard majority. The resolution would amend Michigan's Constitution, and therefore must be put before voters in a general election.

Fourteen states have already enacted super majority tax protection measures. Many other states and even foreign countries have enacted similar measures. In fact, over one-third of all Americans now live in a state with super majority requirements.

In states with super majority tax limitations, taxes grow more slowly, spending grows more slowly, and economies expand faster.

I informed the committee

that residents in all 43 of Wayne County's municipalities last year voted in favor of a super majority proposal. Sen. Thad McCotter and I pushed the issued when they served as county commissioners.

Committee Chair Nancy Cassis applauded my super majority proposal.

"If the time to discuss taxation restraint isn't during times of prosperity, then when is it?" said Cassis, R-Nowi. "Let the debate begin! Let's put the question on the 2000 ballot and let Michigan taxpayers decide. Representative Patterson should be commended for bringing his initiative forward."

I will work in a bipartisan fashion to ensure that the people of Michigan get the best possible legislative product.

Super majority will help eliminate the existing bias now in place favoring bigger government. Super majority tax protection is one way to protect the average taxpayer from excessive government spending and higher taxes.

Sen. McCotter, R-Livonia, has an identical measure pending in the Michigan Senate. Other hearing on super majority will be held in the

coming weeks.

Sincerely,
Rep. Bruce Patterson
Canton

It's not the flag, it's Constitutional

To the Editor:

It's the Constitution! The 1989 Supreme Court decision defining the flag burning as speech should outrage every American, flag burners as well as those who love Old Glory. That decision defiled our sacred Constitution and we should all be upset whether or not we care one whit about the flag.

The Constitution is our only protection against tyranny. It is the source of our virtue as a people, a virtue which gives us the strength to protect and defend ourselves from any external enemy on this planet. Our Constitution is also the source of most of the freedom in the world, paid for by the blood and sweat of our veterans who swore to protect and defend it.

Those veterans did not swear allegiance to a king or a queen or a dictator or a party, they swore allegiance to the Constitution, a set of values. The values in the Constitution reflect the ideals and vision of

our founders, ideals that are timeless, ideals that should not be hacked away by passing political hacks. Calling flag burning "speech" profanes the founding fathers' definition of speech, a vital element of the First Amendment to our Constitution.

Our founders knew that if the people were to replace autocrats and properly exercise their responsibility as rulers, they needed to be politically able to freely express themselves verbally and in writing. And they needed to be free to peacefully assemble and petition the government for a redress of grievances.

The founders were dedicated to rational and reasoned rhetoric. They knew that when rhetoric failed, violence reigned. They never intended that any one be allowed to substitute hateful violent conduct for reasonable rational speech.

Burning the flag is not rhetoric, it is not reasonable or rational and it has no part in a peaceful assembly. Only tyrants who are unable to properly articulate their cause, but seek power at any cost, take their venom out on helpless people or objects. In truth, personal power is their only

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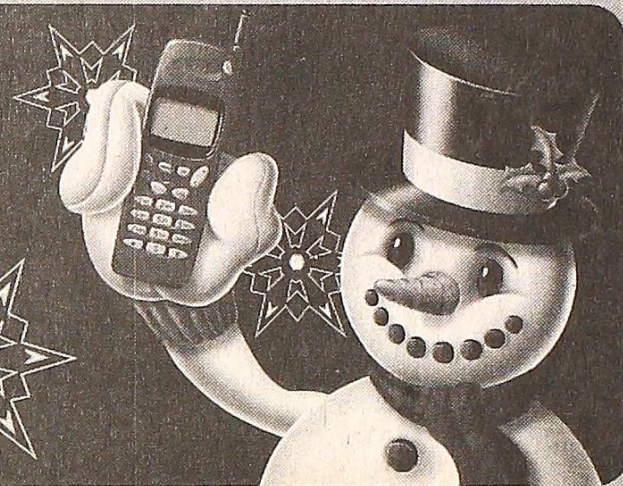


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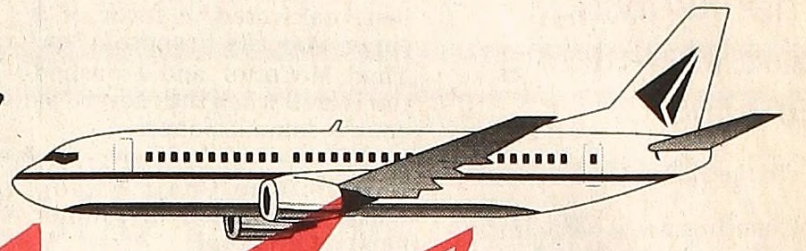
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Frank saw the music. He was on stage with Aerosmith and Rod Stewart, backstage with the Who and Kiss, and in front of the stage with the Rolling Stones and David Bowie.

Frank met them all because he had the connections. He Eastown's in-house photographer in Detroit; for a while he was one of Capitol record's roving Rock and Roll photographers.

As the millennium nears its end, Frank is exhibiting his photos. He's shared some with us. Enjoy.



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FAMILY ROOM

By KAREN MEIRER
MCN Special Writer

Happy Thanksgiving to you all! Isn't this one of the most wonderful celebrations around?!! Giving thanks, gathering together with family and friends, breaking bread together, enjoying time honored traditions, enjoying the gift of TIME -- time spent with each other, not with things so much, not the material stuff so much, but TIME -- pure and simple. There are plenty of other holidays where the material stuff plays a large role in the celebration, but Thanksgiving is, thankfully, not about that jazz.

For us in the Meier family, this year's Thanksgiving celebration will be different from years past. Now that we're in Illinois and all the family is still in Michigan, we will be traveling on Thanksgiving, away from our home.

Back when we lived in Michigan, I used to get up really early Thanksgiving morning along with husband Ron and we'd prepare the turkey for its all-morning roost in the oven. I'm going to miss that. And I'm going to miss the traditional

moving of our kitchen table into the living room and setting the table with a handed-down-to-me-from-my-Mom table cloth.

And I'll miss helping the children as they set the table with our twice-a-year china and glass glasses and the mints at each place. And I'll miss sitting down to our feast with Grandma, Grandpa, Auntie Beth, Uncle Wally, and the eight of us at high noon. Then doing the dishes with Auntie Beth when we talk and talk and talk and talk (lots of dishes to get through, keeping us side by side at the sink for a good hour or more - thankfully!).

And I'll miss the traditional gathering in our family room for a wild, shouting time playing a crazy board game or two. And then after all that, packing the Meier clan up and driving the half hour to the other Grandma's house where it's turkey for dinner, paper plate buffet-style (the sheer numbers of cousins, aunts, uncles make a sit-down dinner too difficult) and then feeling way too full. But that business of feeling way too full seems to be a tradition for many families.



Karen Meier

And we should be thankful for that, a bountiful table.

At any rate, this year new traditions will be forged in my family. We'll be heading out of Illinois the day before Thanksgiving and going to my mother-in-law's house. I'm not sure how this new tradition is going to go. It certainly will be great to see my in-laws, but I'll miss my Mom and Dad and Beth and Wally. They were such a huge part of Thanksgiving for so long in my home. But I suppose I shouldn't be down-in-

the-mouth about this. After all having to let go of some of the Thanksgiving traditions makes me realize how lucky I was to have had those Thanksgiving traditions in the first place! And how lucky that my children had the traditions too.

So off we'll go, over the river and through the woods. And since we have a long drive to get from our house here near Chicago to Grandma's house over there Detroit way, the Meier eight will have good time to be together. Maybe I'll bring a crazy board game along and we'll have a wild, shouting time playing it in the van. And maybe I'll bring mints along for travel snacks.

And I'll definitely be bringing the pies I've always brought before. So those are traditions, modified a bit, that'll stay alive. And then we'll think of other cool things that'll become new traditions. And for all the traditions, old and remembered, updated and modified, and never-seen-before-brand new, I will be thankful on Thanksgiving Day.

Gather close your loved ones, give thanks and give time, and have a lovely, bountiful Thanksgiving!



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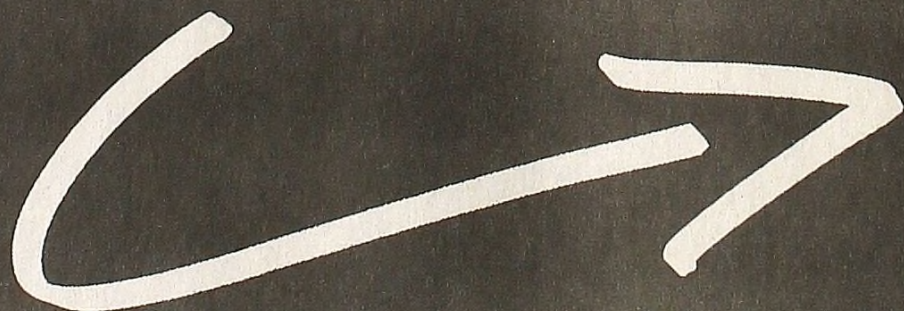
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Movies

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Mothers and daughters should see 'Anywhere But Here' together

All mothers and daughters have major end of the world fights. Whether it be over friends, a boyfriend, clothes, whatever, we all have them about something.

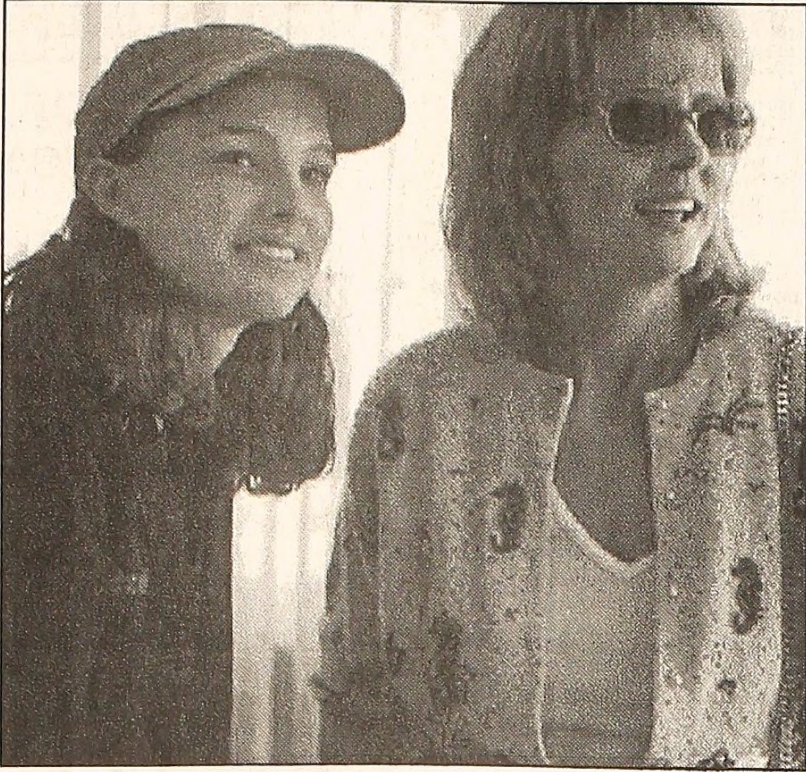
It a normal occurrence. No matter how much you share or how much you have been through together, it will happen. The film makers at 20th Century Fox are basically counting on mothers and daughters to realize this and come to the movies to get away from it all.

In their recent release *Anywhere But Here* they have a mother and daughter relationship that goes beyond fights and goes into the relationship flaws.

Anywhere stars Susan Sarandon as Adele August. She is a beautiful, middle aged, school teacher that wants what she basically is not given in Wisconsin. She wants Beverly Hills and all the trims.

She uproots her 14 year old daughter from a life in Bay City. Away from friends, family, and a step father that has in years become her father in heart and soul.

The daughter Ann has feelings, at this point, that is like



Natalie Portman, left, and Susan Sarandon.

most other teenagers that have been moved out of a place they have grown up in. She wants to strike out at her mother and hurt her feelings as much as

she can. She wants her to realize how this has effected her. She hates everything her mother does. From the job she doesn't have to the way she

eats her food she grows to almost despise everything about her. Yet Ann, played by Natalie Portman, decides to make the best of it and deal with it. She keeps most of her feelings bottled up inside, but lashes out when provoked.

Their rocky relationship goes on through the course of two years. Where her mother learns that California is nothing like Wisconsin and Ann finds out that she has grown up since leaving the cheese state. When Ann decides she wants to go to college though the relationship is strengthened by the love Adele feels for her daughter and the willingness to later let her go.

As you watch this movie you realize that fights with you mother can happen for the slightest of things, but no matter what is said or what is done she will always love you and what you to be with her.

This is definitely a movie all mothers and daughters must see together. I have a feeling if you do you'll find yourselves coming out and latching on to something that has developed in your hearts.

MINUTE MOVIE REVIEWS

OPENING THIS WEEKEND:
Flawless stars Robert De Niro and Philip Seymour Hoffman. A comedic drama about a retired security guard who suffers a stroke and is assigned a rehabilitative program that includes singing lessons with a drag queen. Rated R.

Toy Story 2 stars the voices of Tom Hanks, Don Rickles, Tim Allen, and Jim Varney among others. The sequel to the 1995 comedy hit. Andy goes off to summer camp leaving the toys to their own devices. An obsessive toy collector kidnaps Woody who is a highly valued collectible. It's now up to Buzz Lightyear and the gang to save their pat from winding up as a museum piece. Rated G.

End of Days stars Arnold Schwarzenegger, Gabriel Byrne, and Kevin Pollack. This film is set at the dawn of the new millennium. This supernatural thriller chronicles Satan's visit to New York City in search of a bride with whom he expects to rule the next thousand years with. The only man who stands in his way is an ex-co turned security expert. Rated R.

NOW SHOWING:
The World is Not Enough stars Pierce Brosnan, Robert Carlyle, Sophie Marceau, Judi Dench and Denise Richards. The 19th installment of the James Bond Series. This time out Bond is assigned to protect the daughter of a murdered oil tycoon and defuse an international power struggle with the world's oil supply hanging in the balance. Rated PG-13.

Sleepy Hollow stars Johnny Depp, Christina Ricci, Miranda Richardson, and Michael Gambon. Tim Burton revises the classic Washington Irving

story. This suspenseful & sweeping tale, set in the 1780's tells of an eccentric & earnest constable who investigates a string of murders, allegedly committed by a headless horseman. Rated R.

The Bachelor stars Rene Zellweger, Chris O'Donnell, James Cromwell, and Brooke Shields. A romantic comedy about a confirmed bachelor who has 24-hours to find a bride if he wishes to inherit \$100 million from his grandfather. Rated PG-13.

Bringing Out The Dead stars Nicolas Cage. Patricia Ar-

quette, Ving Rhames, John Goodman, Tom Sizemore, and Marc Anthony. This drama, laced with black comedy, follows a New York Paramedic who finds himself falling prey to urban shell shock after too many years on the graveyard shift. Rated R.

Blue Streak stars Martin Lawrence, Luke Wilson, and David Chappelle. A thief impersonates a police officer to retrieve the jewels he hid three years ago at a construction site which is now an L.A. police precinct. Rated R.

For the Love of the Game stars Kevin Costner, Kelly Preston, and Brian Cox. A legendary baseball pitcher nearing the end of his career must make several personal and professional decisions as he examines his life in the midst of pitching a perfect game. Rated PG-13.

Mickey Blue Eyes stars Jeanne Tripplehorn, Hugh Grant, and James Caan. A Manhattan art dealer learns that his fiancée's father is a mob boss who wants to use the art house as a way to launder money. Rated PG-13.

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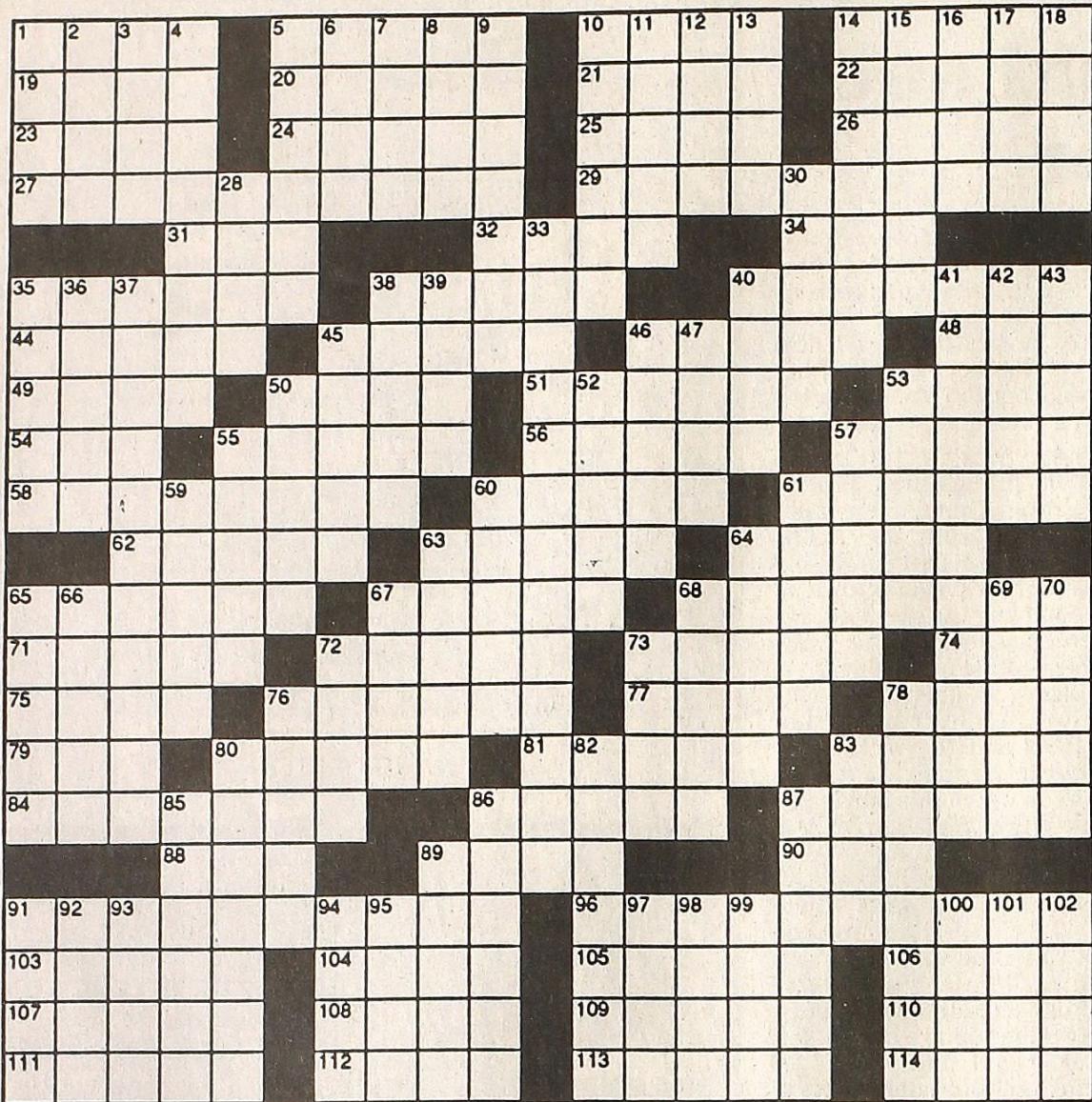


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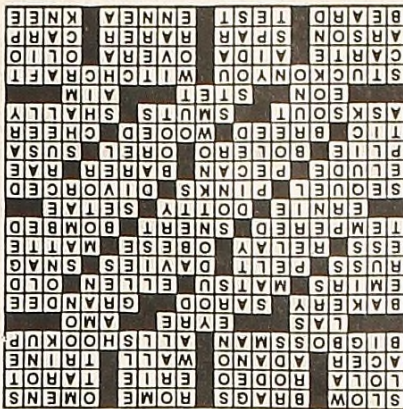
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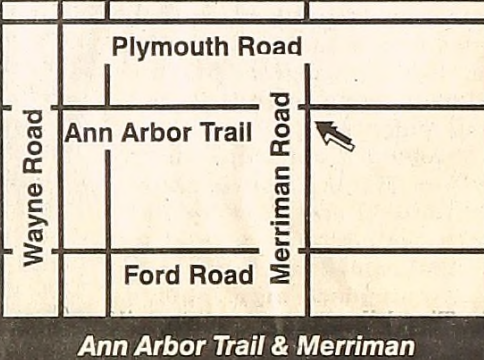
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November 25, 1999

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Social Security is Y2-OK

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

U.S. Social Security Commissioner Kenneth S. Apfel wishes to assure all Americans that when the new millennium arrives on Jan. 1, 2000, benefits will continue to be paid on time and in the right amount.

Apfel stresses "the reason I can make such assurances is that we recognized the problem early on and fixed it."

As most people now know, the year 2000 or Y2K computer problem is a systems calendar glitch. Many computers use just two digits to track the calendar dates.

On Jan. 1, 2000, some computer systems could read "double zero" not as 2000, but as 1900. If nothing was done, Apfel said, some computer systems could break down or just shut down.

Fortunately the Social Security Administration was among the first organizations in the U.S. to recognize the potential problem in 1989.

We knew that an agency as heavily dependent upon technology as ours had to take

SSA's benefit payment systems have now been certified as 100 percent Y2K compliant.

early action to prevent any real problems, Apfel stressed.

We also knew the importance of Social Security and SSI payments to more than 50 million Americans, who depend on these checks every month.

We immediately set to work to fix the problem.

And we've done it, Apfel vowed.

SSA's benefit payment systems - as well as the Treasury Department's - have now been certified as 100 percent Y2K compliant.

Since October 1998 in fact all Social Security and Supplemental Security Income payments have been made through the year 2000 compliant systems at both SSA and the Treasury Department.

Of course, Apfel said, we are continuing to work with the

other agencies and with the nation's banking community to ensure any remaining Y2K issues are resolved and the safeguards are in place.

Apfel stressed "the American public wouldn't want it otherwise. Our contingency plans are completed and if small or localized problems to occur in January 2000, we will resolve them also."

In the unlikely event a local problem does occur, he said, SSA field offices will provide emergency payment services to beneficiaries with critical needs and the Treasury Department will issue replacement checks. We know that our job is not done until all our beneficiaries receive their payments.

Apfel said he "takes great pride in the fact that our contingency plan is being used as a model by other organizations, public and private."

He added "when our offices open on Jan. 3, 2000 we will be prepared to provide full service to the American public with the accuracy and reliability that they have come to expect from us."

Medical examiner's lab gets U.S. accreditation

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

The Wayne County Medical Examiner postmortem forensic toxicology laboratory has been named the first Michigan lab and only the ninth in the U.S. to be officially accredited by the American Board of Forensic Toxicologists.

Currently only forensic laboratories in New York State are required to be accredited by law.

This means "our labs have performed up to the standards of our peers," Dr. Bradford Hepler, ME laboratory director, said last week. "It is a giant step for us."

The accreditation process took two years of preparation

by the ME staff, encompassed by an extensive review and evaluation of all aspects of laboratory management, operating procedures, laboratory documentation and review and reporting processes.

"Laboratory accreditation is a first step toward accreditation of the entire office," Dr. Sawait Kanlun, the chief ME, stated.

For more information call 313-224-5454.

Wayne Living Center needs seniors' gifts

Holiday gift items are now being sought for senior citizens residing at the Wayne Living Center for Seniors, 4425 Venoy Road.

Such items could be small appliances, radios, cassette players, hand held video games, cologne (either men or

women's), watches, calendars, stuffed animals, puzzle books, gift certificates.

If donors need to have items picked up they should call Mabel or Terri at 734-326-8700 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

SS payments to rise 2.4%

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits will increase 2.4 percent in the year 2000, according to U.S. Social Security Commissioner Kenneth Apfel.

"This year's cost of living allowance reflects another year of very low inflation. Inflation is the greatest fear and worst enemy of the elderly and disabled Americans living on fixed incomes," Apfel said.

The hike in payments will begin in January 2000 for Social Security recipients and on Dec. 30, 1999 for SSI recipients.

For Social Security beneficiaries the average monthly benefit amount for retired workers will rise from \$785 to \$804.

The maximum federal SSI monthly payment for an individual will rise from \$500 to \$512. For a couple the maximum federal SSI payment will rise from \$751 to \$769.

Benefits increase automatically each year based on the rise in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers from the third quarter of the one year through the corresponding period of the next.

Romulus police slated to tie 1 on for safety

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Romulus Police will add symbolism as well as action to their holiday season efforts in the area of battling drunk and impaired drivers on local roads.

Lt. Eric Painter said first the police will join MADD's 14th annual Red Ribbon "Tie 1 on for Safety" program.

The program is designed to remind drivers not to drink and drive during the Christmas holidays by placing red ribbons on the antennas of city vehicles.

The second program is "Operation Nightcap" that re-

quests that police officers will work selected nights to arrest motorists who don't heed the warnings of anti-drunk driving messages.

Both drives begin this Thanksgiving week and will continue late in December.

"We think this is the season for increased vigilance in sober driving," Painter said, "thus we will continue to educate those who want to listen and arrest those who don't."

Thus bluntly we are telling drivers, if you choose to drink...plan ahead and make provisions for a safe and sober ride home," Painter concluded.

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YOUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND INTERESTS

Children's Memorial Day slated Dec. 12...

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Have you lost a son/daughter in recent years?

Do you feel an ongoing need to talk to others — singularly or collectively — about the importance of your child's life?

Well Pat King of Canton knows that craving first hand. She lost her son — Joshua Ostapowicz — just short of his 21st birthday back on July 15, 1998 in a traffic mishap.

She remembers the first Christmas holiday season after her son's untimely death when a small group of neighbors helped her hold a candlelight vigil in her driveway in memory of Joshua.

That was followed by a national effort in memory of the many lost sons and daughters of all ages.

Next month a Congressionally supported National Children's Memorial Day will be conducted throughout the U.S.

The Congressional resolution cites the fact that "approximately 80,000 infants, children, teenagers and young adults die each year from a myriad of causes."

At the 7 p.m. ceremony names of all those listed on the memorial tree will be read out loud.

These deaths, the resolution continues, are considered to be one of the greatest tragedies that a parent or family will ever endure during a lifetime.

Thus members of Congress declared that a support environment including empathy and understanding are considered critical factors in the healing process of a family that is coping with and recovering from the loss of a loved one.

Through that resolution the annual date of Dec. 12 is being set aside to remember those lost family members.

In the western Wayne County area, a massive Candlelight Vigil is being slated for 7 p.m. at Kellogg Park in Plymouth.

Prior to that time a large

tree in the park will be covered with ornaments listing the names of the many children that will be memorialized that night.

A half hour before that at 6:30 p.m. parents and grandparents of those remembered children, who haven't been listed to date will have a last minute chance to do so for this century.

For more information on the candlelighting event call the local "Compassionate Friends" at 734-455-8679. Michigan Community Newspapers readers also will be able to register their child for the Dec. 12 event and have an ornament inscribed with his/her name.

At the 7 p.m. ceremony names of all those listed on the memorial tree will be read out loud.

It also was reported that Compassionate Friends will have a similar service at its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Dec. 1 in St. Timothy's Church on Newburgh Road, southeast of 6 Mile Road in Livonia.

Persons wishing to learn more about the group should call Sheryl Edwards at 734-542-6905.

ADVENT RETREAT is slated from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 4 in the Founders' Room and the University Chapel in the Residence Hall on the Livonia campus of Madonna University. The theme is slated to be "Christmas: A Time for Giving." Cost of the retreat is \$12.

HEALTH EXPLORATION STATION has opened its doors to teachers and others eager to experience innovative education and prevention programs for children and adults. It is located at St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Center, 1600 S. Canton Center Road in Canton. For more information call HES at 734-398-7518.

LIONS/UNITED WAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help out during half time at the Detroit Lions/Chicago Bears Thanksgiving Day game at Pontiac Stadium on Nov. 25. Volunteers also need to attend a rehearsal time on Nov. 20. To receive more information or to register, call the United Way at 313-226-9422.

SILVERDOME BOAT, FISHING SHOW is slated Feb. 2-6 at the Pontiac Silverdome. Those in attendance can shop and compare various fish gear and over

TEENS AGAINST TOBACCO USE program is being sponsored by the Christmas Seal program of the American Lung Association of Michigan. Goal of the Christmas Seal program this year is \$1.5 million. Miss Michigan (Audrie Chernauckas), who is serving as this year's chairperson, said each day 3,000 kids start smoking and one out of every three will die as a result of their tobacco use. For more information call 800-LUNG-USE.

BLOOD DRIVE coordinated by Schweitzer Girl Scout Troop No. 373 will be held from 3 to 9 p.m. Nov. 30 at the Schweitzer School gym in Wayne. For an appointment or more information call Kandolynn Goodchild at 734-721-0827.

KRYSTAL'S MOTOR TOWN CAFE a half hour program show casing local musical and comedy talent featuring "the world's sexiest announcer" is now being telecast on local Public Access channels in Wayne and other communities. Check local listings for time and day of telecast.

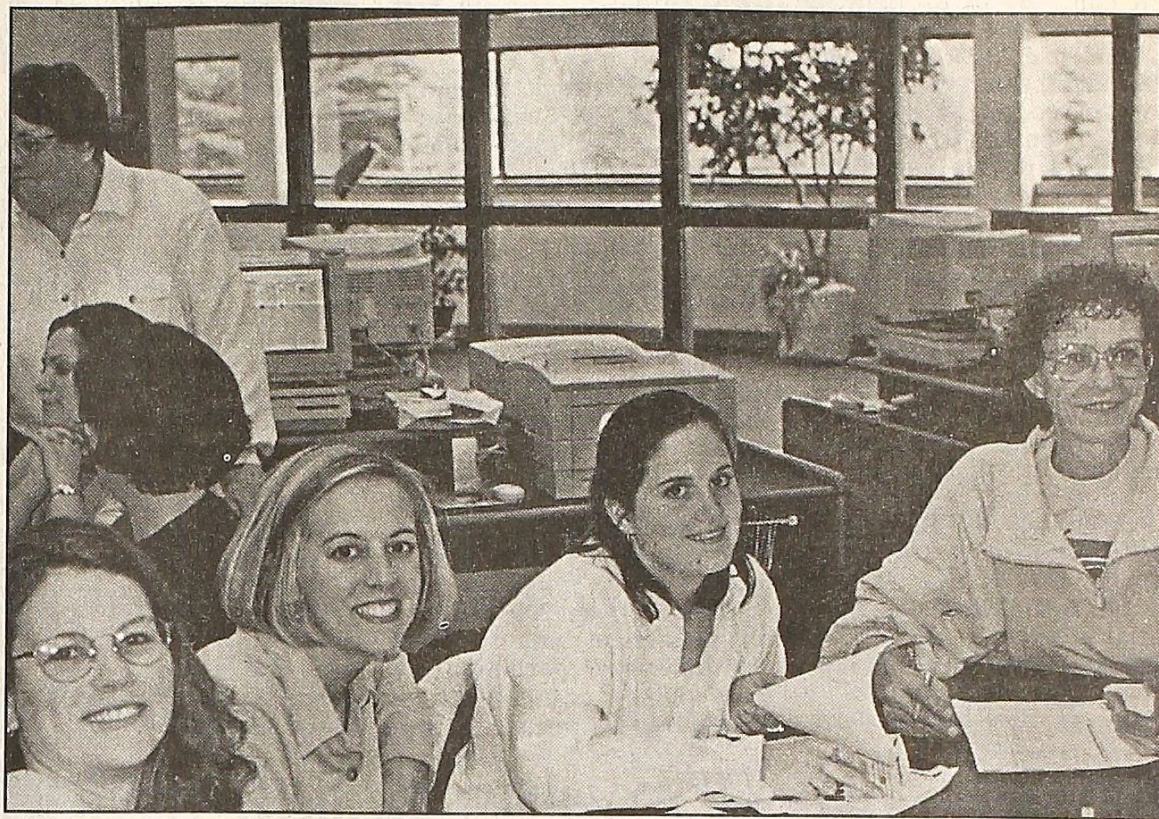
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Anon at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and 1:30 p.m. Sundays and an open talk and potluck on Saturdays. Meeting site is inside old Sister's Act Restaurant, 36726 Goddard Road in downtown Romulus. For more information call Bill at 734-229-9436 (club phone) or 734-699-6552 (emergency).

HARMONY AT CHRISTMAS a holiday program offered by the Heritage Chorus of the Sweet Adelines International is slated at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4 at the Southgate Civic Center Annex, 14700 Reaume Parkway in Southgate. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$7 for senior citizens and children under 12. For ticket information call 734-281-4798.

FREE PRE-SCHOOL for Westwood and Dearborn Heights No. 7 Head Start are now being enrolled. Call 313-561-7120 or 565-1314 for more information.

WEST SIDE SINGLES dances at 8 p.m. every Friday at Burton Manor, on Schoolcraft Road west of Inkster Road in Livonia. Cost is \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after that time. Hotline number is 734-981-0909.



Teacher workshop

Barth Elementary School teachers from Romulus are shown taking part in a recent in-service workshop that instructs them on how to teach their students on today's standards via games and other fun activities. From left are Gerilynn Kline, Lisa Eischer, Amy Winter and Jean Reott. MCN Special Photo

300 boats from over 75 manufacturers. Tickets will cost \$7 for adults and \$3 for children six to 14. Children five and under will be allowed to enter free.

HAT AND GLOVE DRIVE is currently being coordinated by the Doric Lodge No. 22, Free and Accepted Masons of Detroit. Collection drive will continue through Dec. 16 for children's hats and gloves — both new and used — and may be dropped off at Owens Car Wash, 3645 Inkster Road (north of Carlisle) in Inkster. Or donors may call James Penn Jr.

of Penn Funeral Home at 278-6319 or 630-1400 or James Owen St. at 730-0999 or 818-2142.

SAMPLER COOKBOOK is being offered by St. Aloysius Church and School of Romulus as a fundraiser. It contains a collection of recipes donated by parishioners, students and their families. Cost is \$8.75 (\$6.75 for the book and \$2 for postage and packing). The church is located at 11280 Ozga Road, Romulus, 48174. For more information call 734-941-5056.

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COOKIE WALK is slated from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 11 at the First United Church of Wayne, across from the Wayne Post Office. Small coffee tins \$4, medium coffee tins, \$6 and large coffee tins, \$12. For orders or more information call 721-4801.

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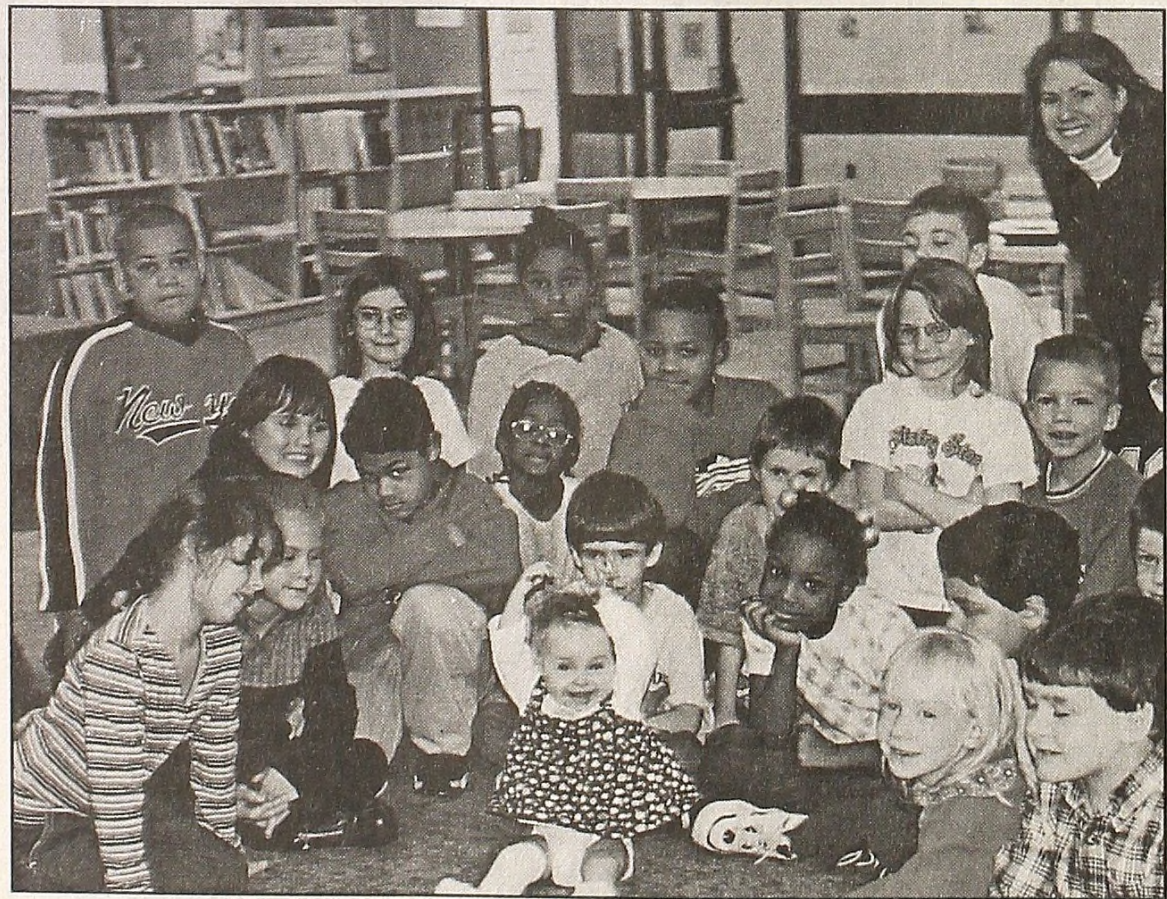
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A smiling Katie Paratory (center) shows she is appreciative of the attention and financial support she and her family are getting from Barth Elementary School second graders. The students guided by their teacher, Beccy Montroy, (in rear of photo) have been collecting funds to aid the child, who is suffering from a skin disease that requires numerous grafts a month. MCN Special Photo

Christmas holiday bell-ringing season has begun

By AL POST
MCN Staff Writer

Salvation Army bell-ringing campaigns to raise funds for the needy this Christmas season began last Friday in the western Wayne County area.

The Wayne-Westland Salvation Army located on Venoy Road in Westland has set a goal of \$120,000 for the holiday campaign.

The Wayne-Westland Corps services Wayne, part of Westland and Romulus.

The Dearborn Heights Corps located on Warren Road in Dearborn Heights also services part of Westland, all of Inkster as well as Dearborn Heights and Dearborn.

Their goal is \$80,000 for the holiday season.

The bell-ringing campaign will continue through

Christmas Eve in both corps areas.

The national Promise Keepers (Christian Men's organization) is planning on conducting its first Mexican assembly in a few weeks, spokesman Steve Chavis announced locally last week.

The men's event is slated at a Monterrey athletic facility – similar to those used in the U.S.

It will be offered mostly in Spanish – with basically only founder Bill McCartney's talk and one other's delivered in English with an interpreter present at both talks.

Chavis said PK are now putting together their 2000 year schedule. The Detroit area once again is expected to host one of those sites. Last year it was held at Joe Louis Arena.

A new non-denominational Pentecostal church ministry – **The Lighthouse Ministry** – will hold a 2:30 p.m. service on Nov. 28.

The service will be held at the **New Hope Missionary Baptist Church** at 5403 S. Wayne Road in Wayne.

Pastor John Goodman of Romulus said the church offers a praise and worship period, Sunday School for young children and adult preaching.

For more information call 734-326-3277.

The 13th annual Kwanzaa Jazz Concert celebration is slated for 4 p.m. Dec. 26 at the **First Unitarian Universalist Church** of Detroit.

Barry D. Harris will be the featured pianist and has been performing at the jazz concert since 1988. He earned a Doctor of Arts degree at Northwestern University in Evanston back in 1995.

Other concert participants include Rodney Whittaker on bass and James Robinson on drums.

The church is located at 4605 Cass Avenue at Forest in Detroit. Donations are \$20

each and \$5 for children under 12. Tickets include entrance to an afterglow time.

For more information call 313-833-9107 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A 43th annual Feast of Carols will be offered at 6 p.m. on Dec. 12 at the **Royal Oak First United Methodist Church**.

The concert will feature all eight choirs at First Church under the direction of Dr. Craig Scott Symons, Maryann Maiuri and Jennifer Semivan.

The program is free and open to the public, but a free will offering will be taken to support the church's youth programs.

The church is located at the corner of 7th and Washington in downtown Royal Oak.

A hospice seminar for clergy and other religious officials of all faiths will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 28 at St. John's Center for Youth and Family in Plymouth.

The coordinator of the "Hospice, Death, Grief and Mourning" seminar will be conducted during the morning hours by Dr. Alan Wolfelt, author and educator.

Wolfelt also is a clinical psychologist and director of the Center for Loss and Life Transition in Fort Collins, CO. and Toronto, Canada.

In the afternoon a panel of local experts will offer advice to pastors on techniques clergy can use to assist their congregations as they face death, grief and care of the terminally ill.

Cost of the seminar is \$35 per person. Registrations received after Dec. 17 will be charged \$40. The cost also covers a resource packet, continental breakfasts and lunches.

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Needy aided

Roger Kadau is shown among the many volunteers from the Community United Methodist Church of Romulus, who distributed boxes of food, turkeys and paper products to 25 or more needy families in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. MCN Photo by Al Post.

A. CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 99-68

2000 OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS

Sealed proposals for the above mentioned bid will be received in the office of the City Clerk, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan until 2:00 p.m., December 7, 1999. At that time said proposals would be publicly opened and read.

- (1) Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Kristian Moe, Purchasing/Computer Services Director, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI or by calling (734) 942-7564. All bids must be submitted in an envelope clearly endorsed with the Bid Number and Item before returned to the City Clerk's Office.
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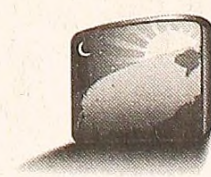
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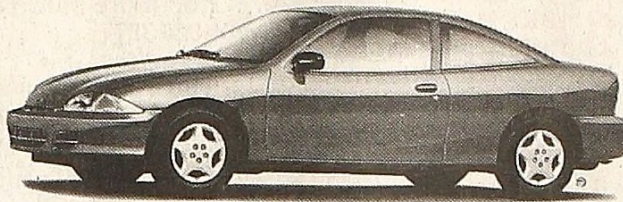
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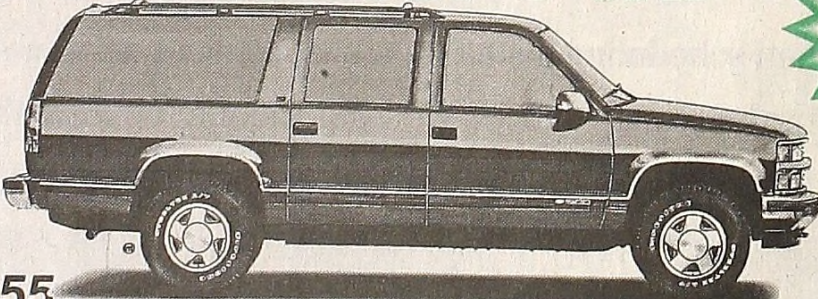
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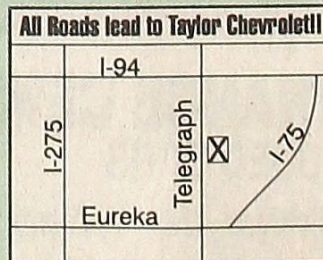
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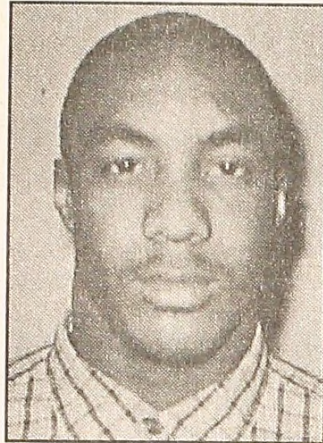
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ALL-AREA

MEN'S FOOTBALL

KEVIN HARRISON

One of the finest quarterbacks to play at Belleville in recent memory, all-around athlete **Kevin Harrison** led coach Bob LaPointe's Tigers to five consecutive victories before Belleville hit a slump. They rebounded to beat Romulus to qualify for the state playoffs under Harrison's capable leadership. Brought up from the reserves as a sophomore, Kevin has played varsity ball for 2 1/2 years. In his senior campaign, Harrison was named All-Mega Conference.



Inkster's Townsend Coach of the Year

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

In only his second year as head football coach at Inkster High School, coach Mark Townsend took a perennial conference doormat, shook out the dust and kinks and put together a serious title contender.

Equally important, he made believers out of perennial losers.

Townsend managed to achieve what few believed was achievable: Bring respect and credibility and hope to Inkster High. And he did it his way.

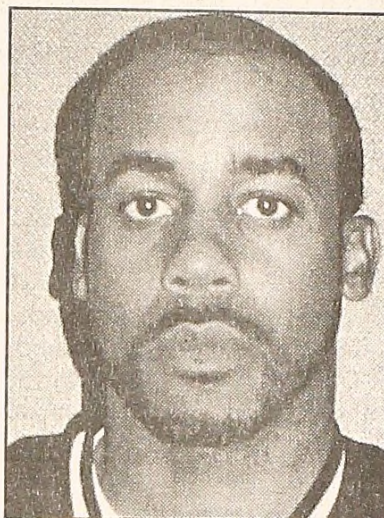
"When I was growing up in Detroit, my coach told us that 'if you work, work hard, and you will see positive things happening,'" said Townsend who is 32 and a graduate of Detroit Finney High School. "I applied that simple philosophy to my life.

"These kids knew that they had to make a commitment when they accepted their uniforms that the road ahead was not going to be an easy one. They accepted that," Townsend continued. "They wanted to make a difference - and they did. They told me that they wanted to bring more pride to their school - and they did.

"We stand taller today because of this football team and because of my staff who dedicated themselves to get the job done."

Inkster won an unprecedented seven games and, for the first time in more than three decades, entered the final week of the conference season in the chase for a championship.

Unfortunately the Vikings fell to River Rouge, which won the 1999 Mega Conference Gold Division title. The Vikings settled for



Mark Townsend

second-best, their best-ever conference finish.

Inkster also accomplished something that none of their predecessors did on a football field. For the first time, the Vikings qualified for the state playoffs and they played before a packed house on the home field (another accomplishment) losing to Madison Heights Lamphere.

Inkster's 7-3 overall record stands as the best in the school's long history.

"I would like to thank all of our fans, the administration, the teachers - everyone - for making this such an unforgettable season," Townsend added. "I know it's a cliché but, believe me we're really looking forward to next season."

However, before the teams gather for the year 2000 campaign, there is one more coveted honor that belongs to the sophomore Inkster coach: The MCN staff has selected coach Mark Townsend as the *Michigan Community Newspapers'* football "Coach of the Year."

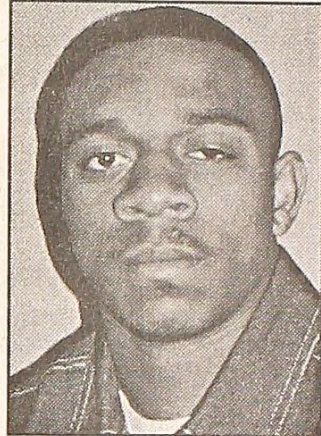
ERIC JONES

Shattering the all-time record of such greats as Tony Boles and Reggie Spearmon, Westland John Glenn's senior running back **Eric Jones** is the first-ever to rush for more than 2000-yards in one season. Called upon 311 times, Jones compiled an incredible total of 2170 yards, which now stands as the school record. He also scored an area high 21 touchdowns. "Eric had a great season, and got better each week," says Glenn coach Chuck Gordon.



WILLIE JOHNSON

Not since the days of running back Gerrade Pettus, who starred for the Tigers in the 1970s, has any Belleville ball carrier generated such excitement as **Willie Johnson**. The speedy 5-11, 180-pound senior rushed for a record-shattering 1,209 yards on 153 carries for 7.9 yards per attempt. He finished with 12 TDs rushing on the season, and was a unanimous coaches' choice for all-conference in the tough Mega Conference Red Division.



KWAME HAMPTON

The heart of the Wayne Memorial offense and defense pumped in the 5-8, 155-pound body of senior **Kwame Hampton**, who accounted for 63 percent of the Zebras' rushing yardage and counted a team high 80 tackles. Kwame also was credited with one interception and five deflected passes as a defensive half-back. "I don't think you can find a better all-around player as Kwame or a player who, no matter what the score was, still gave you 100 percent," said coach Floyd Carter.



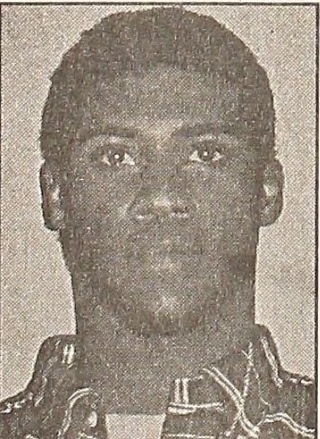
MATT FAIR

There was no better quarterback in the Western Lakes, Lake Division this year than **Matt Fair**. A three-year veteran of Plymouth-Salem's varsity squad, Lakes Division coaches picked him as their starting quarterback, despite an injury that sidelined him in the late stages of the campaign. A 5-10, 185-pound senior, Fair definitely will play ball on the college level, says coach Tom Moshimer. "He loves football and that dedication alone will find him a spot on a college team."



LOU HAWKINS

A leader who helped write a few pages of history at Inkster High, running back **Lou Hawkins** rushed for 1,587 yards and scored 18 touchdowns in 201 attempts for coach Mark Townsend's Vikings. "Lou is well-disciplined and a natural leader," adds Townsend, who team won a record-shattering seven consecutive games and qualified for the state playoffs for the first time in the school's history. Also named to the all-Mega Conference, Gold Division Team.



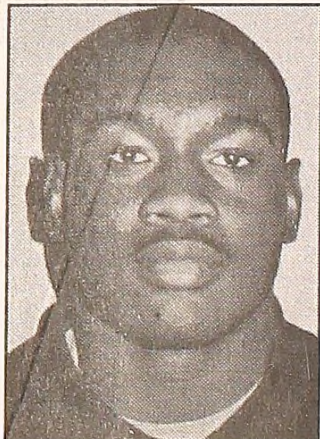
CHRIS JONES

The *Most Valuable Player* on the offensive line at Plymouth-Salem, **Chris Jones** is also an outstanding student who boasts a 3.9 academic record. Jones' physical and mental ability gave him the advantage over those he opposed on the line because, he usually could outsmart his opponent. Chris' twin brother, Dan, was Salem's *Most Valuable Defensive Lineman* and no two brothers in Salem's history have ever shared those coveted awards.



CHARLES THOMPSON

One big reason for the success of Romulus High's football team these past two seasons is a player by the name of **Charles Thompson**, a 5-10, 214-pound fullback-linebacker. "He definitely was our go-to player in crucial situations," said coach Mark Woodson. "We could always rely on him." Thompson led the Eagles to back to back titles in the Mega Conference. They were undefeated a year ago in the Mega Gold and came back in the Mega Blue to win a share the crown.



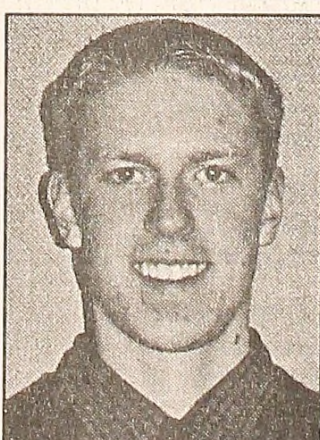
BRAD WELLS

The anchor in the Plymouth-Canton line during the 1999 campaign was a tough 6-1, 225-pound senior, **Brad Wells** who gave the Chiefs 100-plus percent "every time he was on the field." Wells provided the window for Canton's running backs and quarterback when they needed that extra yard. He's tough, determined and completes his assignments, and that is one of the major reasons why the Chiefs' offense was difficult to stop this season.



JEREMY CATARINO

You never go down field and come up empty-handed is a axiom most coaches live by. And when Westland John Glenn's offense stalled, they always relied on a kicker by the name of **Jeremy Catarino**. "The Cat" bagged 29 of his 30 extra points and also booted nine of 13 field goals, and his punting? He averaged 35-yards per kick. Not bad for a 5-11, 140-pounder who saved the day - and game - for the Rockets on more than one occasion this season.



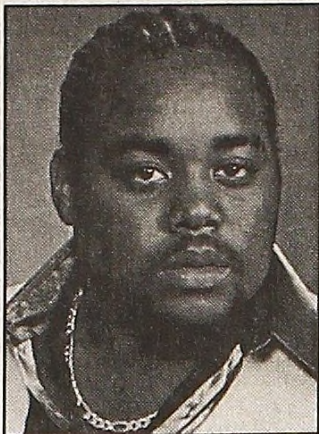
NICK SAMPLES

One of the most consistent lineman on Westland John Glenn's team this year was **Nick Samples**, who ignited the Rockets in the stretch that led to five consecutive victories, including big triumphs over such teams as Monroe and undefeated Detroit Henry Ford. "Nick was the most improved player on the 1999 John Glenn Rockets," said Glenn coach Chuck Gordon. "He always had the potential to be a good player - now he's doing it. He was perhaps our most consistent lineman."



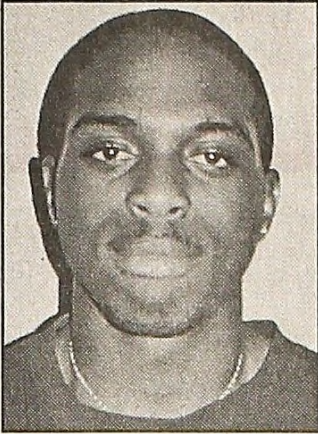
DAVID WALTON

The anchor in the Belleville line on defense was 6-0, 305-pound **David Walton**, who forced opposing teams to think twice before challenging his side of the line. The senior tackle, also a blue chip performer in the Mega Conference Red Division, has been called the cornerstone of the Belleville team. His credentials to support that accolade include 41 tackles, five sacks of the quarterback, a fumble recovery and a caused fumble.



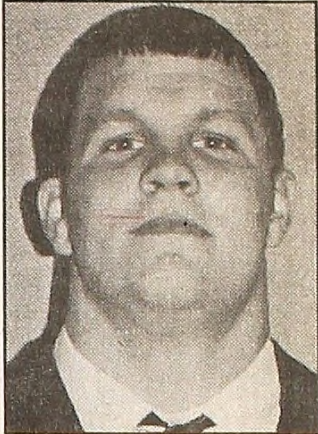
JERMAINE GARNER

A two-year starter at Wayne Memorial, wide receiver-tailback **Jermaine Garner** has exceptional hands and was quarterback Matt Patterson's favorite target. Garner led the Zebras in pass receptions with 21 catches for 399 yards, 19-yard per catch average. The 399 constitutes 32 percent of the team's total. Garner also rushed for 172 yards on 39 rushes for a 4.4 average. A two-year starter whose combined reception-rushing yards totaled 782.



JAKE THARP

A three-year starter at linebacker and a two-year starter at offensive tackle, John Glenn's **Jake Tharp** carries on the family tradition of outstanding athletic talent. Jake chalked up 67 tackles, 55 assists and hauled in three interceptions as well as recovered three fumbles en route to All-Western Lakes Conference honors. "Jake called all of our defenses and checks - he's a very smart player," says Glenn coach Chuck Gordon.



Honorable Mention

Wayne Memorial

Thomas Todd(DE), Willie Perryman (LB), Nick Scott (TE), Nick Harding (OL), Michael Shaw (OL), Clifton Edwards (LB).

Westland John Glenn

Keith Luke (OL), Jim Doherty (OL), Jim Waller (OL), Ryan Rattray (FB), Chad Sansom (DB), Nick Ragiero (DB), Dan Smitherman (WR), Dave Holloway (DHB), Jeff Mitchell (DL)

Inkster High

Michael Hunter (QB), Alphonso Clark (WR), Eric Casey (DE), Antonio Wimberly (FB), Chris Tomlinson (OG, DT)

Romulus High

Mike Woods (DHB), Dave Moomaw (QB), John Wester (LB), Shawtez Gregory (NG), Taurean Walker (OG), Chris Talley (WR), Travis Whitehead (OG), Brian Harper (C), Myron Mosby (T), Ray Graves (LB)

Plymouth-Salem

Jacob Scherbaty (TE, LB), Steve Guido (DL), Archie Kinney (RB), Ryan Silva (LB), Brandon Ellison (DHB)

Belleville High

Jacob Wilkerson (LB), Jason Johnson (OG, DT), J. R. Meadows (OL)

Robichaud High

Wendell Winn (DHB), Darris Robinson (TB), Marcus Johnson (LB).

Plymouth-Canton

Brian Applegate, Dan Bak, Scott Durhan, Jerry Gaines, Sean Hussey, Dave Kushman, John Pacock

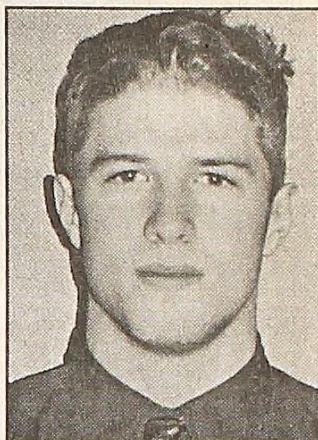
WILLIAM MORRIS

The co-captain of a history-making team, Inkster's inside linebacker **William Morris** had a record-setting 90 solo and 156 total tackles in a season that began with seven straight victories and ended in the Vikings' first-ever appearance in a state play-offs. "He provided the leadership this team needed to be a winner," said Inkster coach Mark Townsend. "He was the main thrust of our defense."



JASON LUKASIK

When it came to distributing awards for defense at Plymouth-Salem, linebacker **Jason Lukasik** stood at the head of the line. The 6-1, 180-pound three-year varsity starter led the Rocks with 69 solo tackles and 54 assists. Jason also accounted for one interception and a fumble recovery, while breaking up for pass plays. "He was our leader on defense and, as a running back he also stood out," said Salem coach Tom Moshimer.



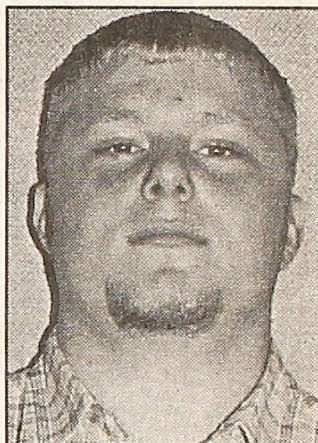
DEJUAN MCCLENDON

A kickoff return specialist who made sure his team had good field position in those big playoff games, **Dejuan McClendon** also had the canny ability to watch a play develop and be on the spot to pick off a pass if the QB dared challenged the 5-8, 175-pound senior cornerback. "They usually knew better not to throw in his (Dejuan's) zone, and if they did they did paid for it." McClendon also was named to the All-Mega Conference, Blue Division



RICKY FOSTER

Romulus will be losing one of the building blocks in its winning football program when 5-9, 205-pound senior linebacker-kicker **Ricky Foster** leaves the high school scene in June. "He has helped with his dedication and work ethics to make us winners on and off the football field," stressed coach Ron Woodson. "Players look up to him because he is a natural leader."



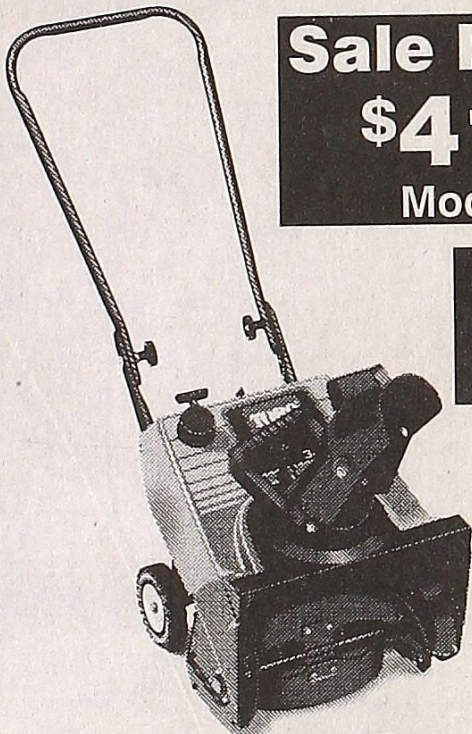
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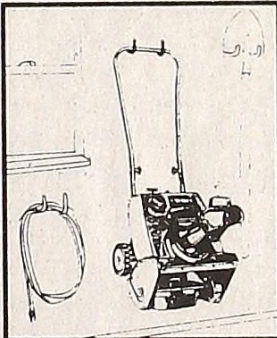
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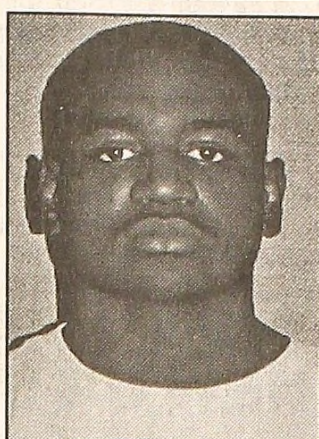
NICK STONEROOK

One of the most coachable and consistent players on the Plymouth-Canton squad during the grueling 1999 campaign was **Nick Stonerook**. The 5-10, 190-pound two-year starter for the Chiefs also earned a spot in the offensive backfield of the talent-laden Western Lakes Athletic Conference, Lake Division. Elusive and quick-footed are the best way to describe this ball carrier who carried the onus of grinding out yardage in a conference that had a host of outstanding teams.



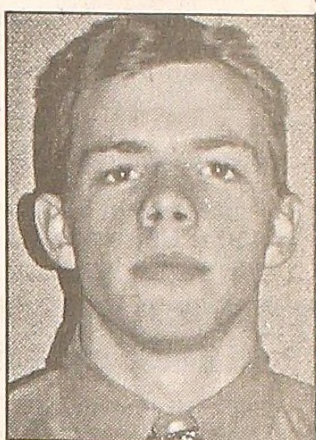
ADRIAN MATTHEWS

A two-way performer for Inkster's 7-3 team, **Adrian Matthews** will help form the nucleus of coach Mark Townsend's team in the year 2000. A junior who went both ways - guard and defensive end - Matthews accounted for 62 solo tackles, four pass deflections, and 98 total tackles. He also forced four fumbles and batted away 10 passes. A two-year starter, Matthews also was named to the all-Mega Conference, Blue Division Team.



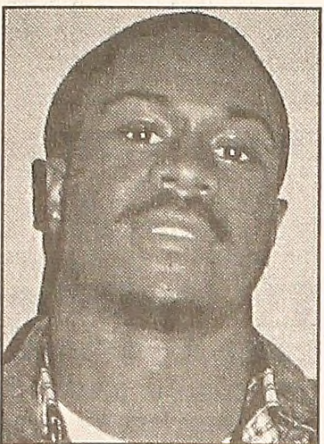
JASON FURR

The *Most Valuable Defensive Back* honors on the Plymouth-Salem team this year went to an unsung hero, **Jason Furr** who shared a team high three interceptions to go along with 45 solo tackles, 28 assists and five pass break-ups. "I don't think there was a better free safety in the entire conference or area," stressed Salem coach Tom Moshimer. "The opposition respected his talents - they never challenged his side of the field."



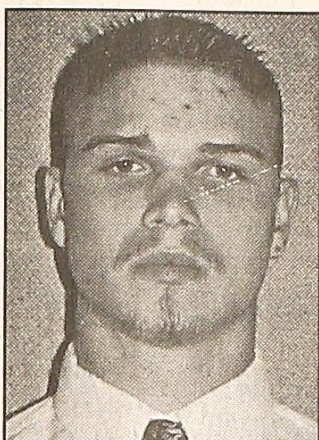
MICHAEL GRAY

Retaining his berth on the All-Area and the Mega Conference Gold Division for the second year, Inkster's **Michael Gray** rushed for 1,345 yards, scored 15 touchdowns on 155 attempts. He also had two interceptions which he returned for touchdowns and returned three punts for touchdowns. "Gray's quickness and his toughness made him our go-to man," said coach Mark Townsend. Gray also was credited with 50 tackles, 31 solos and six pass deflections.



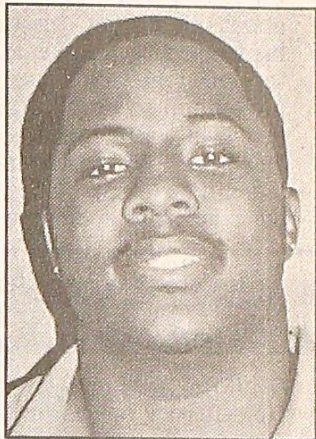
NICK PADDOCK

A two-year starter for John Glenn, **Nick Paddock** was another good reason for the Rockets' winning season. Nick had 36 tackles and 61 assists in Glenn's 9-3 season. "Nick was a two-year starter at defensive back and really played well for us," said coach Chuck Gordon. "He's also a very smart player and always played hard. You could depend on him to give it all he had."



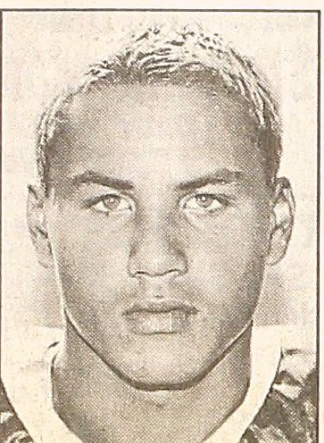
ANTHONY WIMBERLY

A determined and hard-nosed player, Inkster inside linebacker **Anthony Wimberly** is a two-year starter for the Vikings. The 5-11, 190-pound senior's contribution to Inkster's first winning season in more than three decades include 79 solo tackles, two interceptions, and three sacks of the quarterback. Anthony also forced three fumbles and recovered one deep in enemy territory. "When he gets on a football field, he becomes very focused and determined to get the job done."



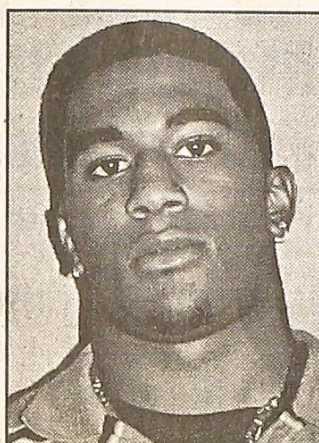
GABE COBLE

When Matt Fair was injured, teammate **Gabe Coble** stepped in an led Plymouth-Salem to four consecutive victories, including a major upset of title hopeful, Westland John Glenn. The 6-1, 185-pound senior was coach Tom Moshimer's "All-Purpose" player. "Gabe is an excellent athlete who stepped into any position we needed him to play," Coble accounted for seven TDs and was nine of 27 with his passing and was named as the Rocks' *Most Valuable Offensive Back* for 1999.



MARK CARTER

A seasoned varsity player who played strong safety on a Romulus team which made history by becoming the first team to ever win back-to-back championships in the Mega Conference, **Mark Carter** also was among the first to be named to both the All-Mega Gold and Mega Blue Teams. "He's a fine athlete and his ability helped us tremendously," said coach Mark Woodson. "When you have players like Carter in your lineup it makes coaching just that much easier."



DAVE LEWANDOWSKI

Coaches seek out the versatility of players such as John Glenn's **Dave Lewandowski** who is an untiring two-way performer. On offense, the 6-2, 220-pound senior held down the tight end position and when the Rockets were on defense, Dave moved into one of the linebacker's slots. He was credited with 31 tackles, 49 assists, had four sacks of the QB and also picked off a pass. "Dave played two ways for two years and was a very steady player for us," said Glenn coach Chuck Gordon.



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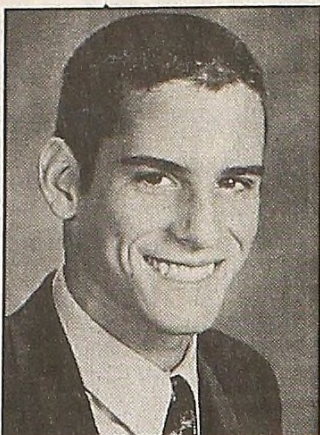
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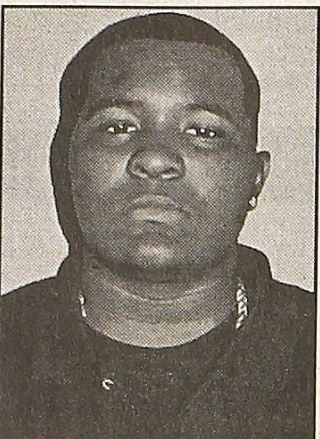
DAN JONES

When it came to the defensive line at Plymouth-Salem, no one could top **Dan Jones'** performance. Jones was named the Rocks' 1999 recipient of the *Most Valuable Defensive Lineman*. Like Chris, his twin brother, Dan stands 5-11 and checks in at 165-pounds. He also excels academically, sporting a 3.9 GPA. Jones's contribution to the Rocks' season included 22 solos tackles, 11 assists, two caused fumbles, three fumble recoveries, three sacks of the QB and a pass break-up. "With the loss to graduation of the Jones twins we lose the Outstanding Linemen on offense and defense.



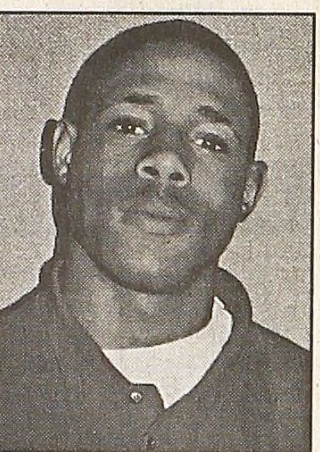
CHARLES MOSBY

At 6-3, 310, Romulus' **Charles Mosby** intimidated those he faced across the line of scrimmage. An All-Mega Conference, White Division pick, Mosby went both ways - at right tackle on offense to left tackle on defense and he was the anchor to the Eagles' line. "I can't say enough about this player - his work ethics, his leadership and his ability to get the job done are reasons why we have been so successful over the past two years," said coach Mark Woodson. "I may not be happy to see him graduate in June, but I will bet that a lot of our opponents are."



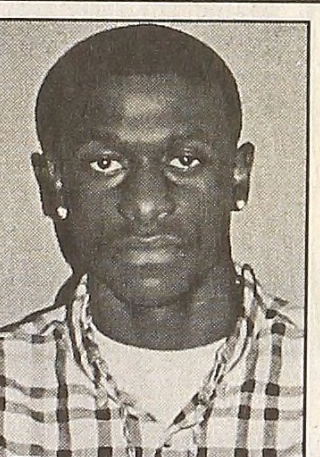
JARVIS JORDAN

A tailback who used his speed as a kickoff return specialist, **Jarvis Jordan** belongs to that elite club of outstanding Romulus running backs who have made the Eagles one of the best teams in the area and their conference for the past two years. Very coachable and goal-oriented, says coach Mark Woodson, Jordan also was named to the all-conference team. Jarvis, a 5-9, 175-pound athlete, is one of seven seniors who has helped the Eagles post back-to-back winning seasons and also led them into post-season tournaments for the last two years.



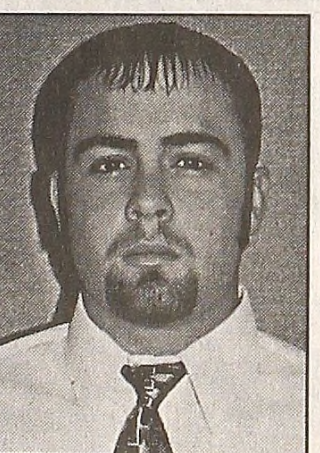
JAMAL POOLE

All-Mega Conference, Gold Division wide receiver **Jamal Poole** managed to haul in 35 passes for 815 yards and 10 touchdowns for the record-setting Inkster Vikings. His longest run was a 65-yarder on a reverse that also culminated in a TD. A 6-2, 190 pound senior, Poole also distinguished himself on defense as an end. His credentials include 18 solo tackles, 32 total tackles and five sacks of the quarterback. He forced two fumbles and recovered one. "Jamal definitely is a threat on our pass-pattern plays, and if he makes the catch, it is tough to bring him down," said coach Mark Townsend.



DAN FEDULCHAK

Respected by teammates and opponents, **Dan Fedulchak** was probably the most consistent player on John Glenn's team. The 6-0, 200-pound defensive end made sure than no one circled his side. "Dan also was a great practice player and just didn't make mistakes - every player and coach at Glenn had great respect for him," said Glenn coach Chuck Gordon.



Child predator arrested by Sheriff

By IVAN HELFMAN
MCN Staff Writer

A Westland man is being held on \$150,000 cash bond after being charged in the 34th District Court in Romulus with two counts of rape of a child and one of using the Internet to solicit.

Wayne County Sheriff Robert A. Ficano announced the details of the arrest of an adult predator who had sexual con-

The investigation was triggered by a tip from a concerned parent.

tact with a 14-year-old child. While this is the 10th arrest for the Internet Task Force during its first year of operation, unfortunately this is the unit's first arrest where there is an

actual child-victim rather than an undercover officer portraying a child.

The investigation was triggered by a tip from a parent concerned about their child's usage of the Internet.

Internet Investigators discovered that the suspect met the child victim in an Internet Chat Room and then engaged in sexual contact with the victim in early 1999. The suspect was arrested on Saturday

when he returned to the victim's house for another rendezvous

The suspect is Jeffery Clay Lacey, 25, of Westland. He was arrested in Livonia at the victim's home.

He is the manager of a Dearborn movie theater on Michigan and Telegraph Roads.

The suspect is charged with Criminal Sexual Conduct and violation of Michigan's Internet Sexual Predator Statute.

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Service News

By IVAN HELFMAN
MCN Staff Writer

Air Force Airman Kaharie N. Izobo has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Izobo is the son of Veronica A. Avery and stepson of Thomas A. York of 9404 Essex St. in Romulus.

He is a 1999 graduate of St. Martin DePorres High School in Detroit.

Don't forget to look for your horoscope predictions in the Sunday Eyewitness

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URMAS, MARTHA L.
WATTS, CARL B.

Age 67, of Wayne, passed away on Nov. 5. Loving wife of Fred. Dear father of Katherine, Carol, Kay Ann and Gregg. Also survived by 11 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Services were held Nov. 9 at Uht Funeral Home with interment at Glenwood Cemetery. Family suggests memorials to Garden City ICU waiting room.

Age 86, of Belleville, passed away Nov. 16, 1999. Beloved husband of Ann. Dear father of Thomas (Rita) and William (Lang). Son of the late John and Mary. Also survived by 3 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren. Services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville with interment at St. Hedwig Cemetery.

Age 76, of Belleville, passed away Nov. 13. Beloved husband of Lucille. Dear father of Donna (Donald), Tom (Sherry), Connie Mae, George (Denise), Betty (James), Gerald, Carol (William), and Jane. Also survived by brothers, sisters, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Services were held Nov. 17 at The David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville with interment at Union-Udell Cemetery.

Age 47, of Wayne, passed away November 3, 1999. Dear step-daughter of Patricia Fisher. Also survived by sisters, Kathleen and Jeanine, 2 nephews, Joseph and Alexander. Ms. Fisher was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Betty Fisher.

Age 67, of Juno Beach, FL, formerly of Wayne, passed away on 11-6-99. Beloved husband of Judith. Dear father of Jeff (Shannon), Craig (Tamara), Laurie (Bob), Kristie (Will). Dear brother of Jack. Grandfather of Caitlin and

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With the holiday season fast approaching, tree lots will soon be open for business.

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If real trees are used, the following guide lines should be used.

The tree should be flame proofed.

The needles on the tree should feel resilient to the touch.

A fresh cut should be made at least one inch above the original cut before being set up.

A tree holder that has a large reservoir for water should be used. It should be kept filled with water and have one of the commercially available products that prolong the ability of the tree to absorb water added.

The tree holder should be large enough to prevent the tree from falling over.

The tree should be located in the most remote area of the room, away from exits and aisle ways.

The tree lights should not be left on without an authorized person present.

Use only non-combustible decorations.

Candles, lighted or not should not be used on the tree.

Keep candles and all other open flames away from the tree.

Artificial trees are recommended by The Canton Fire Department. When purchasing an artificial tree look for the "Underwriter Laboratory" ("UL" for short) label or is clearly marked or labeled as being "Flame Resistant". Aluminum alloy trees are acceptable, but no lights should be installed on them.

When decorating, check all lights for any damage, (frayed wires, loose fitting sockets and etc.) prior to installation. Any light set that shows any signs of wear or damage should be discarded. When in doubt, discard the light set. When buying new lights, insure that it bears the "UL" label.

As always, have a multipurpose fire extinguisher available for immediate use.

Dane. Services were held Nov. 10 at First Baptist Church of Wayne with arrangements by the Uht Funeral Home and interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens.

Age 69, of Westland, passed away Nov. 1, 1999. Beloved husband of the late Barbara. Dear father of Susan. Services were held Nov. 4 at Uht Funeral Home in Wayne with interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens.

Of Romulus, passed away November 17, 1999. Mr. Katcher is survived by his daughters, Mary and Ida and 1 brother, Paul. Services were held on Nov. 20 at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home with interment at Michigan Memorial Park.

Age 68, of Canton, passed away Nov. 10, 1999. Loving wife of Richard. Dear mother of Glen (Rebecca). Also survived by 2 grandsons Stephen and Bobby. Services were held Nov. 15 at Uht Funeral Home of Westland. Cremation rites were accorded.

Age 67, of Westland, passed away November 18, 1999. Survived by his loving wife, Virginia. Dear father of Theresa, Trina (Mark) and Christopher. Also survived by 2 brothers and 2 grandchildren. Services were held on Nov. 22 at Uht Funeral Home with interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens.

Age 91, of Wayne, passed away on Nov. 15, 1999. Beloved wife of the late George. Dear mother of Thomas (Mary Anne), Michael (Claudia) and Stan (Susan). Also survived by 3 sisters, 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Services were held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home of Wayne.

Age 79, of Wayne, passed away Oct. 30, 1999. Beloved wife of Earle (Red). Dear father of Mitzi, Jane, Amy (Gregory) and Christopher (Linda). Also survived by 1 brother, 1 sister and 6 grandchildren. Services were held Nov. 2 at Uht Funeral Home with interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens.

Age 62, of Westland, passed away Nov.

10, 1999. Beloved husband of Della. Dear father of Jerome, Roy, Tammy and Kelly. Also survived by Geraldine (Vincent) and 6 grandchildren. Services were held Nov. 15 at Uht Funeral Home with interment at Knollwood Cemetery.

Age 78, of Westland, passed away on 11-16-99. Beloved husband of Bernice. Dear father of Jamie and Phyllis. Also survived by 2 sisters and 4 grandchildren. Services were held at Vermeulen Funeral Home of Westland with interment at United Memorial Gardens.

Age 56, of Albert, MI, passed away Nov. 10, 1999. Loving wife of Charles. Dear mother of Mary (Rob), Tina (Jeff). Also survived by 1 brother and 3 grandchildren. Services were held Nov. 14 with arrangements by Uht Funeral Home of Westland. Cremation rights were accorded.

Age 77, of Wayne, passed away on Nov. 1, 1999. Beloved husband of Jean.

Dear father of Linda, Claudia, and Tammie. Also survived by 1 grandson. Services were held Nov. 4 at Uht Funeral Home with interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens.

Age 76, of Lakeland, FL, formerly of Westland. Beloved husband of Gertrude. Dear father of Margaret. Also survived by 2 sisters, Agnes and Grace. Services were held Nov. 23 in Lakeland with interment at Florida National Cemetery.

Age 85, of Romulus, passed away November 14, 1999. Loving husband of the late Vera. Dearest father of Mark (Debra) and the late Mickey and Billy. Also survived by daughters-in-law, Ginny and Judy, 8 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Services were held Nov. 15 at Uht Funeral Home. Cremation rites were accorded.

Age 52, of Westland, passed away Nov. 14, 1999. Beloved wife of Joseph. Dear mother of Robin Kinsman. Also survived

by her mother, Alice Brierly, 3 sisters, 3 brothers and 3 grandchildren. Services were held Nov. 17 at Uht Funeral Home where cremation rites were accorded.

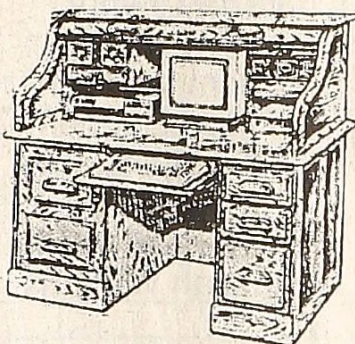
Age 74, of Westland, passed away Nov. 5, 1999. Beloved wife of Frank. Dear father of Frank (Barbara) and Alice. Also survived by 1 brother, 3 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Services were held Nov. 8 at Uht Funeral Home with interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens.

Age 84, of Westland, passed away 11-3-

99. Dear mother of James (Judy), Glen (Patty). Also survived by 2 sisters, 12 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. Services were held Nov. 6 at Uht Funeral Home with interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens.

Age 44, passed away November 5, 1999. Dear husband of Sandy (NIE Ochs). Loving father of Jessecia, son of Ed and Lourine Watts. Also survived by 2 brothers and 1 sister, Lane, Louise and Roger - We love and miss you. Services were Nov. 20 at Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne.

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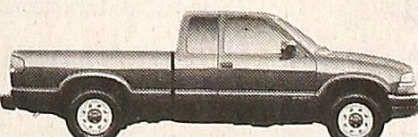
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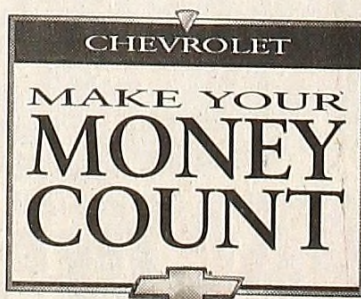


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Letters

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cause.

If the founders feared anything, they feared the tyrannical power of a minority indifferent to the wishes of the majority. We have seen the terrors of such power in the likes of Hitler, Stalin, Mao Tse Tung.

But if you can control the First Amendment, the constitution is yours and so is power. The flag burners are not the enemies to our constitution, it is those who call flag burning speech, who seek to control our Constitution who are the real enemies.

One minority which stands out in its efforts to distort the constitution is the ACLU. Their values are alien to the founders and so it is not surprising that they would use their millions of dollars and packs of lawyers to bully and sue boy scouts, parents, teachers, praying athletes and people of faith while defending atheist, pornographers and flag burners.

Truth is a virtue and that word has no meaning in their

definition of the Constitution so it is not surprising that they would lie to achieve their ends. They have actually accused me of advocating "Re-education camps" for flag burners. I have never used that term. Their intent is to confuse and terrorize good and faithful citizens by tying the vast majority of Americans who believe they should have the right to protect their flag, that flag burning is not speech, with the horrors of communist and nazi prison camps.

These same people have compared those who would protect old glory with Nazis. They also compared a protected American flag, protected according to the will of the people, to flags protected according to the will of tyrants.

These people live in a values vacuum and are certainly lost to the ideals of our founders, but worse, they are distorting the constitution to achieve their political agenda.

Consider: The California supreme court, in breaking new ground on free speech, has ruled that courts may legally ban the use of racial slurs on the job. In response the ACLU

said the decision was appropriate and did not represent a threat to freedom of speech. They opined that is not a novel idea to say that the courts are able to enjoin illegal activity, even when part of that illegal activity involves speech. Really?

Burning the flag was illegal in Texas when the courts decided it was speech. The ACLU went on to say that "even though the First Amendment protects speech, it does not protect the right to make terrorist threats, commit fraud, threaten someone, or commit extortion".

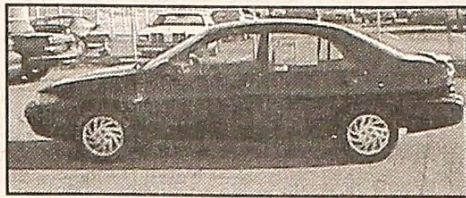
Abraham Lincoln warned, "Don't interfere with anything in the Constitution. That must be maintained, for it is the only safeguard of our liberties".

However we may differ on flag burning, we must agree that we are what we are because of our Constitution, as envisioned by the Founders, not the ACLU, and we should be outraged by those who seek to mutilate that sacred document for their own selfish ends.

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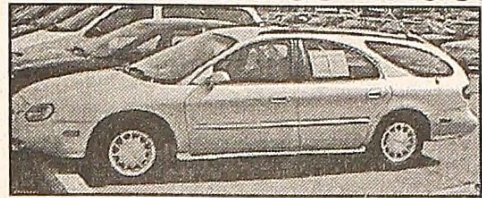
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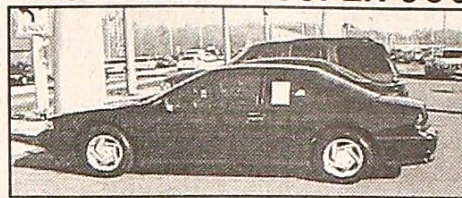
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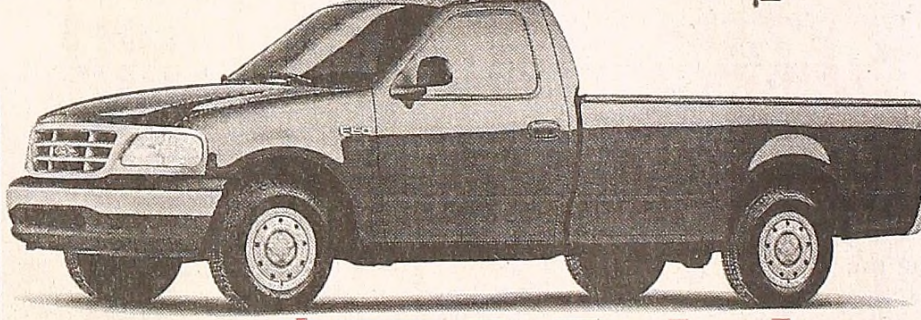


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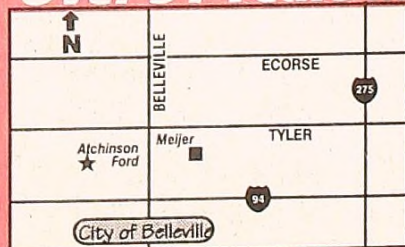
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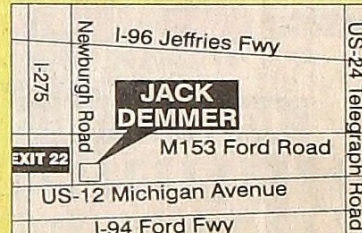
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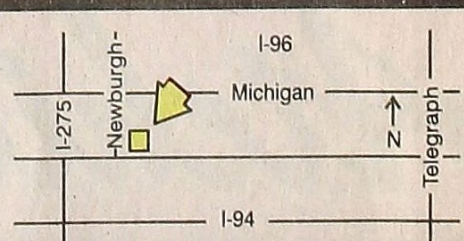
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